

Will Turner: This is either madness... or brilliance.  
Cap'n Jack Sparrow: It's remarkable how often those two traits coincide.

Congratulations! We are proud to welcome you to Rice University and to Martel College. You are now a member of the greatest college on campus—you are a Martelian! Not only will you enjoy the best facilities and rooms on campus, you'll become an integral part of a community of fun-loving, bright, and wonderful people.

You are about to embark on a monumental undertaking: college. Whatever your level of anxiety about this fact, you can now rest assured, because you will have an entire week to become oriented with Rice and Martel before classes begin. We will cram more knowledge, experience, and adventure into this week than you can imagine, so that you can greet the start of school not as a crisis, or something unexpected, but with open arms. You will have three upperclassman advisors, as well as a family of new Martelians like yourself, who will be there by your side through the thick and thin.

As your O-Week coordinators, we have spent the entire summer here at Rice, working to make this orientation one of the most informative, remarkable, and memorable experiences of your life. We and the team of advisors enthusiastically created this handbook as a gift to you. We've included everything you need to know about life at Rice and Martel. If you or your family have any questions over the summer, please email us. We will be here preparing for you, and we would love to help in any way we can. But until you arrive this fall, be sure to read through these pages as you prepare to commence on your new voyage.

**Bottom line: what you hold in your hands is actually two books. One to get you excited for your next four years, and the other as an invaluable resource where you can get simple, detailed information.**

We are incredibly excited to meet you and welcome you to Martel College! Until then, enjoy the Yo-Ho-Ho-Week Handbook!

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# O-WEEK



Orientation Week (O-Week) is your first formal introduction to Rice University and Martel College. You will see presentations from various departments, hear speeches from faculty members and the President, and you will learn all the ins and outs of college life in general.

When you arrive, you will first check in at the Master's house and then begin moving into your assigned room. You'll meet your new roommates for the year and say goodbye to your families. It might be hard at first, but you'll forget about that after a few hours. It's hard to be sad when you are laughing so hard that you can't breathe.

You will be meeting tons of new people and forming the foundations for friendships that will last for years beyond your time within the hedges. Each of you will be assigned to a small O-Week group of 7-9 students, complete with two advisors from Martel and one from another college. These advisors are upperclassmen who just loved O-Week so much that they subjected themselves to a battle royale for the opportunity to advise you. Read on to meet the strongest of the strong!

During the week, you will attend meetings about making the adjustment to college life, because for nearly all of you, this will be a huge change from what you're used to. The freedoms awarded to us as college students are immense, but you'll find this can be a burden if you aren't careful. However, we have faculty and staff whom you will meet during O-Week who are here to help you adjust quickly and successfully so that you can make the most of your time here.

You may have talked to friends who attend other "schools." They may have already selected their classes for the upcoming semester. Well, during O-Week, you will be meeting one-on-one with professors in your area of study to discuss classes for you to take during and beyond your first semester here. You think they can do that at UT? Fat chance.

Really, though, O-Week is about fun. It is about introducing you to your new home. It's about giving you the tools to succeed brilliantly, both academically and socially. You are here to learn and to shape yourself into the person you hope to become. Let this be your first opportunity to do that. We are all here for you and we want you to succeed. So, be open to the new ideas you hear! Take the advice you are given and shape it into meaningful tools that will serve you well! And above all, have fun!



# FIRST DAY/ARRIVAL

[Editor's Note] Details of the move-in procedure may change.  
Up to date information will be at <http://martel.rice.edu/oweeek.cfm>

As you arrive on Sunday, August 16, (**Last names A-H: 8:00-9:00 AM; I-P: 9:00-10:00 AM; Q-Z 10:00-11:00 AM-- IMPORTANT**), your advisors will be waiting to help you move your belongings into your new room. If you have anything heavy, make them carry it. Entering through Entrance 23 of the Rice campus, make an immediate left and pull up to the curb in front of Martel, unload all of your belongings onto the curb and move your car to the parking lot across the street from Martel at the Synagogue to open up curb spots for other people. You will then immediately go and check in at the Masters' House where you will receive keys and other pertinent information. After checking in, all cars must be moved from the parking lot at the Synagogue to the lot by the stadium. Don't worry, shuttles will be running to bring you back.

## PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE PRIOR TO 8:00 A.M. AND COME DURING THE DESIGNATED TIMES ABOVE

Take a break for brunch and attend the reception in the Martel Commons. You will be able to visit with your family while you meet all of your fellow classmates and your advisors. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the excellent grub that will be served.

Once 1:00 arrives, New Families Orientation begins and you are swept away by your advisors. Give your parents a huge hug (they will miss you) and say goodbye.

Matriculation, the campus wide ceremony which welcomes you to Rice, takes place in the evening. You will want to wear dressy casual clothes for the occasion. Girls will want to wear dress pants, a skirt, or a sundress. Guys will want to wear dress pants and a nice shirt (some choose to wear a tie).

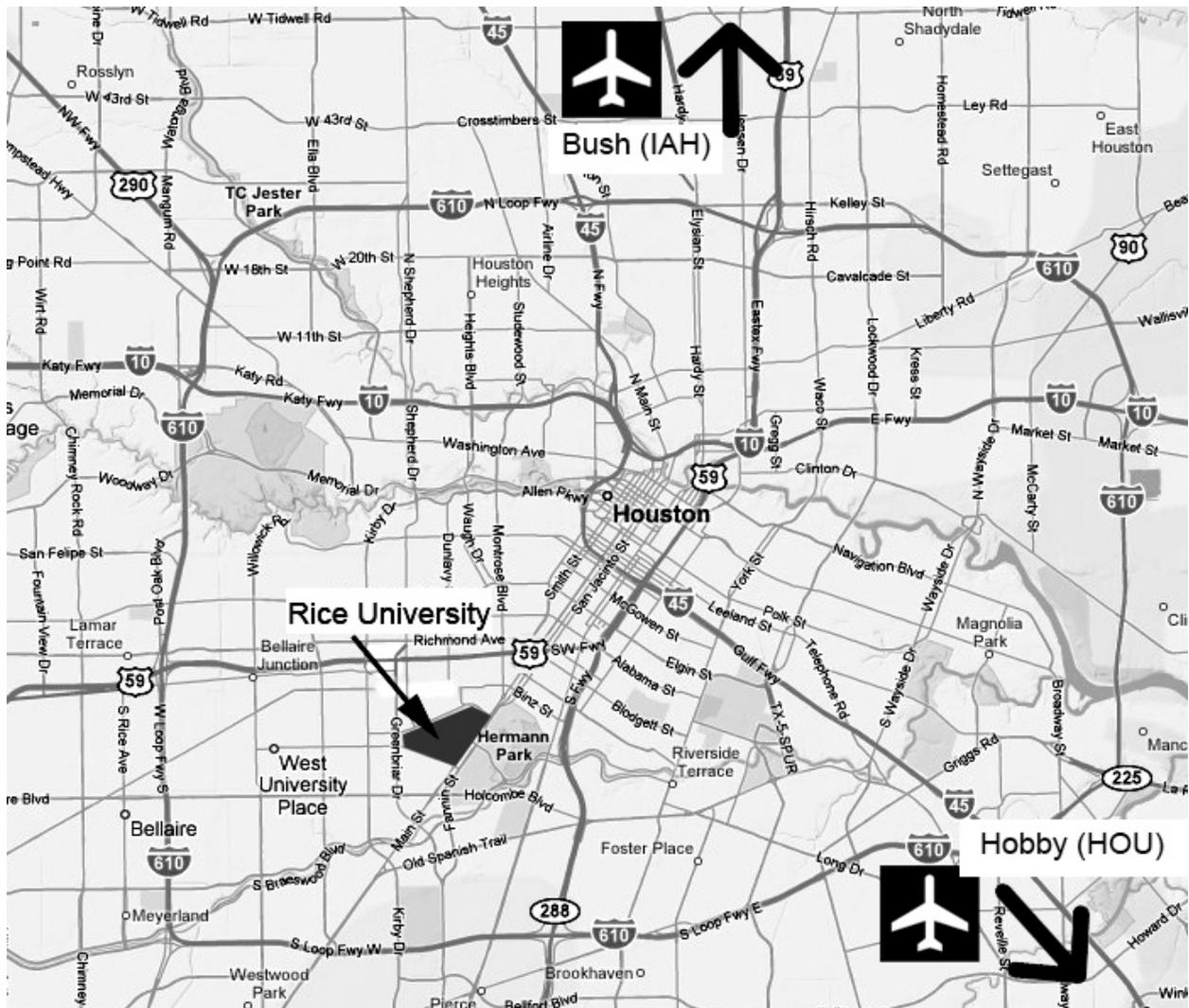


# DIRECTIONS AND MAPS

Martel is located at Entrance 23 of the Rice campus, which is on Rice Boulevard, near where it merges with Sunset Boulevard. Once you enter Entrance 23, Martel is on your left. Don't worry - you'll see lots of students telling you where to go!

**From George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH):** Exit the Airport and take US-59 South. Continue through the city until you get to the Shepherd/Greenbriar exit. Take this exit, go straight through the light at Shepherd and turn left onto Greenbriar (it's a one-way street). Take Greenbriar until you hit Rice Boulevard and then turn left onto Rice. Use entrance 23 on your right.

**From William Hobby Airport (HOU) or from the South:** Exit the Airport and follow the signs to I-45 North. Take I-45 North toward downtown and exit onto US 59 South. Continue on 59 South and take the Shepherd/Greenbriar exit. Go straight through the light at Shepherd and turn left onto Greenbriar (a one-way street) and follow Greenbriar until you get to Rice Boulevard. Turn left and follow Rice Blvd. to Entrance 23, which will be on your right.

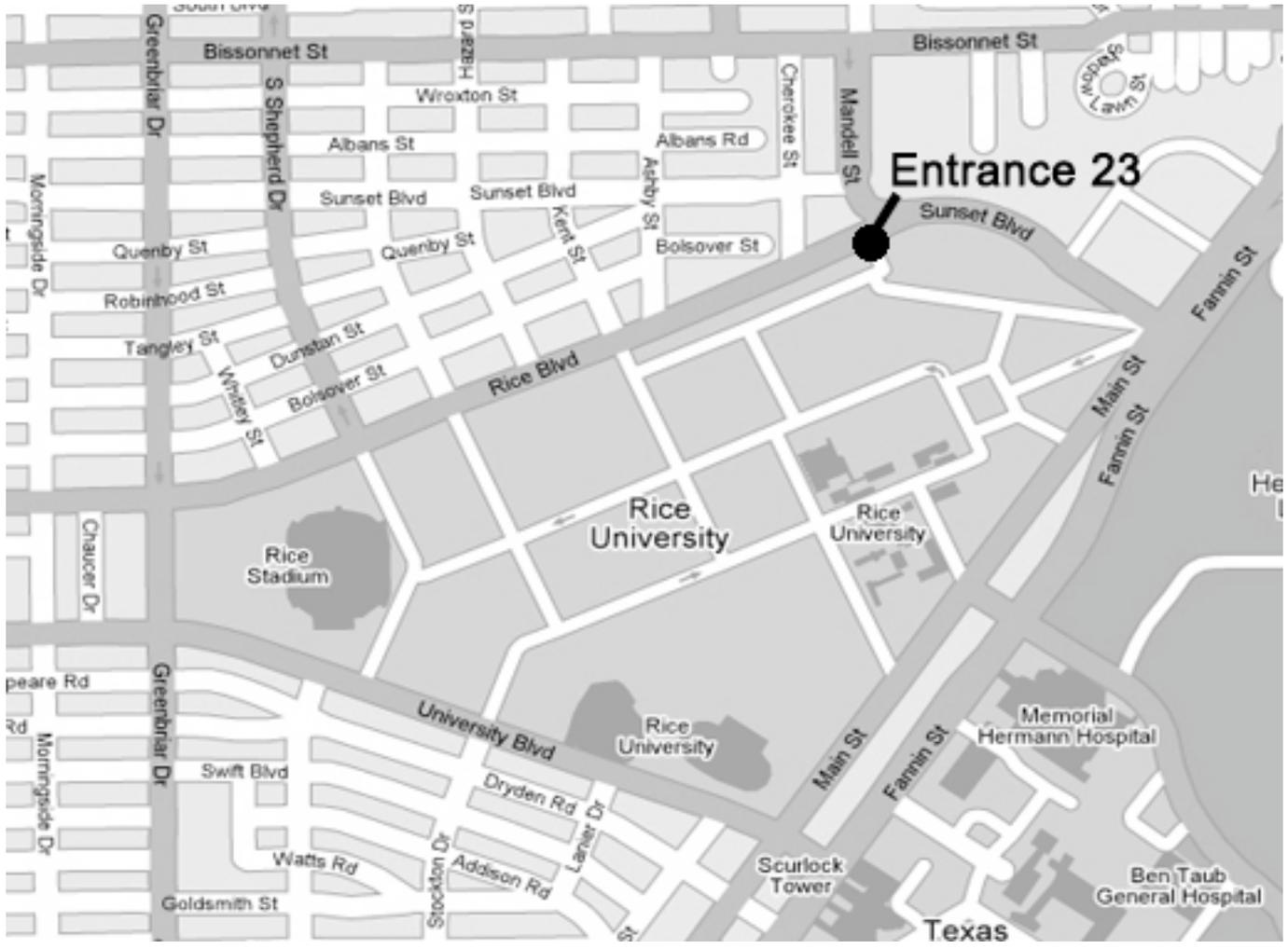


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**From the North: Take I-45 South toward Houston:** Exit I-45 onto US-59 South. Continue through the city until you get to the Shepherd/Greenbriar exit. Take this exit, go straight through the light at Shepherd and turn left onto Greenbriar (one-way street). Take Greenbriar until you hit Rice Boulevard and turn left. Continue on Rice Blvd. until you reach Entrance 23 on your right.

**From the East:** Take I-10 West toward Houston and follow the signs to US-59 South. Take US-59 through the city to the Shepherd/Greenbriar exit. Take this exit, go through the light at Shepherd, and turn left onto Greenbriar, which is a one-way street. Continue down Greenbriar until you reach Rice Boulevard. Turn left and follow Rice Blvd. until you reach Entrance 23 on your right.

**From the West:** Take I-10 East towards Houston and exit onto I-610 South (this part of the loop is called the “West-loop”. Don’t worry – just get on 610 South). Take I-610 for just over a mile and then exit onto US-59 North. Take US-59 to the Shepherd/Greenbriar exit. Exit here and turn right onto Greenbriar. Take Greenbriar to Rice Boulevard and then turn left onto Rice. Martel is at Entrance 23, which will be on your right.



# WHAT TO BRING?

Living in the residential colleges is a great experience, but space is limited. The following list suggests items to bring with you. Pack everything that you will need, but remember that you are probably sharing a room. Also, we recommend that you contact your roommate so that you can make the best use of your space. Beyond that, here is a short (and by no means complete) guide to help you pack.

## School Supplies:

paper, pens, and pencils  
notebooks  
stapler  
3-hole punch  
dictionary and thesaurus  
calculator  
backpack or book bag  
computer (see page 111)

## Room Items:

alarm clock  
desk lamp  
iron  
computer with lock for laptops  
clothes hangers  
storage boxes  
plates, bowls, cups, silverware  
small dry-erase board and markers  
power strips and extension cords  
phone  
cleaning supplies  
pillow, extra long twin sheets, comforter, and blanket

## Clothing Items:

rain jacket and waterproof shoes (it rains a lot)  
pajamas!! and slippers  
casual clothing  
dress clothes (yep, you will dress up!)  
a few sweaters  
socks and underwear  
summer and winter clothes (it gets cold, believe it or not)

## Personal Items:

prescriptions and pain relievers  
shower caddy  
towels and washcloths  
bathrobe  
toiletries

## Laundry Items:

large laundry basket  
high-efficiency detergent and dryer sheets

## Miscellaneous Items:

umbrella  
money  
up-to-date medical insurance or prescription card  
insect repellent spray  
sunscreen (especially for O-Week!)

## Optional Items (coordinate with your roommates):

stereo  
MP3 player and headphones  
small refrigerator  
coffee maker  
furniture  
bike  
TV/VCR/DVD player and co-ax cable  
video games  
board games



Rainboots are for hurricanes

Right next to Rice is the Texas Medical Center, which is one of the largest medical centers in the world. That means that there are a lot of wonderful hotels within a short distance to campus. Here are a few that may suit your needs:

Marriott - Houston Medical Center 6580 Fannin St. 1-888-236-2427 www.marriott.com	Best Western Plaza Hotel & Suites at Medical Center 6700 South Main St. 713-522-2811 www.bestwesterntexas.com
Holiday Inn (Medical Center) 6800 Main St. 1-800-315-2621 www.holidayinn.com	La Quinta Inn - Houston Reliant Medical Center 9911 Buffalo Speedway 713-668-8082 www.lq.com
Residence Inn Houston Medical Center/Reliant Park 7710 South Main St. 713-660-7993 www.residenceinn.com	Homestead Studio Suites Medical Center - Reliant Park 7979 Fannin St. 713-797-0000 www.homesteadhotels.com
Hilton Houston Plaza/Medical Center 6633 Travis St. 1-713-313-4000 www.hilton.com	Days Inn Downtown - Medical Center 4640 Main St. 713-523-3777 www.daysinn.com



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# PLACEMENT EXAMS

Exams already? Don't worry, everybody takes them, and honestly, they're not bad at all. They won't affect your grades in any way, so there's no need for you to stress. Here's a brief summary of placement exams:

**English Composition:** This is an exam required of all new students, regardless of AP credit. The exam allows graders to assess your writing skills and style. Based on your performance, evaluators may decide to place you in COMM 103, an academic writing and argument course. How you do on the exam will only determine whether you are required to take this class or not, but it is important to try your best on the writing exam and not take it too lightly, although you shouldn't worry. This exam **MUST** be taken online during the summer. More info at: [www.rice.edu/compexam](http://www.rice.edu/compexam).

**Honor Code Exam:** At Rice, we have a great system called the Honor Code. It allows students to take certain exams and tests as "take-homes." We can take those exams whenever and wherever we want, although many of the tests are timed. To ensure that this system is not abused, and to maintain an atmosphere of respect for the rules throughout Rice, all students are expected to follow the Honor Code. During O-Week you will learn about this policy and then you will take the Honor Code exam. You must retake the exam if you fail, and repeat it until you pass.

**Foreign Language Placement:** Rice University does not have a language requirement, but if you have some knowledge of a foreign language and are interested in studying it further at Rice, you must take the Rice language placement test to determine the appropriate course for you. Chinese, French, Spanish, German, Italian, and Japanese have an online exam that were available from May 26th until June 14th. If you missed this window, there will be an opportunity during O-Week to take the test. Rice's other language programs have different requirements. Go to the language placement website for specific info: <http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~lrc/placement.html>.



## Sunday, August 16th

New Students Arrive  
Lunch with Families  
New Families Orientation (for Parents)  
Activities with O-Week Groups (for Students)  
Matriculation

## Monday, August 17th

\*Take care of registration holds\*  
Masters' Presentation  
Faculty Address  
Special Academic Orientations  
College Activities

## Tuesday, August 18th - RICE DAY

\*Take care of registration holds\*  
University Presentations  
Academic Fair  
Rice Night featuring Rice Rally and Rice Carnival

## Wednesday, August 19th

Academic Advising  
University Presentations  
Associates' Dinner  
College Activities

## Thursday, August 20th

Academic Advising  
University Presentations  
Passport to Houston  
College Activities

## Friday, August 21st

Course Registration  
Honor Code Exam  
Houston Night Out

## Saturday, August 22nd

Outreach Day  
Big Owl Bash

\*\*schedule subject to change\*\*





# MARTEL



It all started with a penniless, runaway Greek boy on the streets of New York. As the first Rice Institute students matriculated, Speros Martel, an Athenian native studying in France, left his school, enlisted as a cabin boy, and crossed the Atlantic to the New World seeking fame and fortune.

During World War I, Martel moved to Camp Logan in Houston and became a waiter at the Rice Hotel, owned first by William Marsh Rice and then by the Rice Institute after the war. Martel saved his money, opening a restaurant of his own a block away from the Rice Hotel and later building other restaurants along Main Street.

Although Martel had little formal education, he learned to speak five languages through his travels abroad. His entrepreneurial skills allowed him to become a successful businessman, investing in land, stocks and bonds. He eventually made friends with fellow Houston businessmen and future supporters and donors George R. Brown and Jesse H. Jones, the second with whom he often attended Rice football games.

Though Speros and his wife Marian, a Houston native, passed away in the 1950s, their spirit lived on through the foundation created in their name. Their foundation was soon earmarked by the University for the New Millennium Project, a master plan to launch Rice University into the next century. The central point of this plan was to create a new college. To build this new college, the University hired world-renowned architect and Target designer Michael Graves. The college was designed with all rooms facing in towards the glorious 200 year-old spreading oak around which Martel is built. Like Rice itself, Martel's entrance is a sallyport built into the south wing. Martel also includes a rotunda, a huge sundeck, a 5-story tower, and the biggest and most welcoming commons on campus. It is rumored that Jones College, jealous of the new building being constructed on their old parking lot, attempted to brand the Jones crest into the Martel foundation. However, their \$500 cast-iron mold mysteriously disappeared 3 days before the planned prank and was never found again.

In honor of Speros's Greek heritage, the Martel crest is a maroon cross around which is quartered the white and baby-blue Greek flag opposite a Rice blue owl and MC logo. A bronze torch is kept by the Masters and is passed by the President to each incoming student before they are initiated into the college.

To give the new college a leg up, long-time Baker Masters, Joan and Arthur Few, volunteered to help found Martel. With them came our beloved college coordinator Maria Byrne. A very intense application program selected the best of the best from each of the old 8 colleges to form Martel's first 4 classes. In a ceremony led by the famous Vice President of Student Affairs, Zenaido Camacho, Martel was finally born.

Those first years were rocky ones for the young college. Tropical Storm Allison flooded the basement and first floor, thus delaying the opening by a couple of months. In the spring of 2004, the biggest non-parade water balloon fight took place in the Martel quad. All 8 old colleges together attempted to destroy Martel. Though outnumbered nearly six to one the Martelians fought as bravely as the Spartans of ancient Greece. Today, Martel somberly remembers the Battle of Nine Colleges and thanks those veterans of the Class of 2007.

Although its spirit is still being shaped, Martel has developed some interesting and hilarious traditions of its own. The spacious living quarters and high quality facilities have made Martelians into very generous and outgoing hosts. Hardly a week passes without a party or other social event taking place in one of Martel's many rooms. Whenever Houston's heavy rains hit the college, everyone takes off their shoes and plays rain soccer in the flooding quad. The old feud with neighboring Jones College has not cooled, due to jacks from Martel. Recently, Martel stole every shower curtain from Jones's communal bathrooms, and, two years ago, Martelians painted a three-story high "dark mark" on Jones Central during their Harry Potter themed O-Week. In 2002, Martel became the first college to win a Beer Bike title within five years of its founding. It was an unusual race as the track was too wet to ride on, so Martel's men's team beat the other 8 colleges on foot in the second Rice University Beer Run.

Four years ago, long-time Martel masters, the Fews, retired for some much deserved R & R. Martel chose Jerry Dickens and Michelle McCormick as their new masters. Alana and Brian Gibson joined the Martel family five years ago, bringing their dog Sid, Beer-tasting for seniors, and the best Powderpuff coaching west of the Mississippi. Jeff and Stephanie Frey, with their dog Sam, are in their third year as Martel RAs. Jeff and Steph are very generous with their ice cream, and you should come see them if you ever need a running buddy or your shoes shined.

What will you, the newest class of Martelians, add to the long and glorious history of Martel?

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JERRY DICKENS AND  
MICHELLE MCCORMICK



DYLAN DICKENS



KYLE DICKENS



RYLEIGH DICKENS

Greetings New Martelians,

Welcome to the coolest college at Rice! We're the Masters, and we'll be meeting you shortly to begin our fifth (and final) fantastic year at Martel! So what are College Masters? We administer the college and serve as liaisons between you and Rice. We live in the house next to your building, eat many meals with you, attend and host many of your social events, support your various academic, spiritual, cultural, and athletic activities, and strive to present your ideas to the broader University community. (If you have followed the Harry Potter craze, it's something like Rice = Hogwarts, Martel = Gryffindor, we = McGonagall). Our position comes with a range of experiences, from assisting and counseling through major academic and personal issues, to rejoicing and celebrating upon major academic and personal achievements. Our main goal is to help you maximize your potential at Rice.

There are five of us: Ryleigh (8), Kyle (11), Dylan (13), Michelle and Jerry (ageless). Our journey over the last 21 years: Michelle is from near Washington D.C.; Jerry is from near San Francisco. We met as next-door neighbors at University of California, Davis, where Michelle majored in economics and Jerry majored in chemistry. After a few post-graduate years, when Michelle chased money in accounting, and when Jerry applied his talents as a card dealer in Lake Tahoe, we met again over a snow mobile trek in Michigan, where Michelle had become an investigator for the U.S. General Accounting Office in Detroit, and Jerry had entered graduate school in Oceanography at U. Michigan. We tied-the-knot 15 years ago. While Jerry finished graduate school, we had Dylan and a tenure-track offer at James Cook University in Australia. We moved to Townsville off the Great Barrier Reef, where Kyle and Ryleigh were born. A truly fantastic experience, until Rice made Jerry an offer that he couldn't refuse. To date, Ryleigh is the anachronism of ordered entropy, Kyle is the quiet artiste, and Dylan is the outgoing entrepreneur. Each, of course, has loads of personality beyond any simple classification. And while you all can help us discover (and nurture) their characteristics (and tell us how we ended up with three very different kids!), most importantly for you, all three love Martel and interacting with students. Yes, you will see them (and hopefully enjoy their company) at lunch, dinner, concerts, plays, parties (at least, some), trick-or-treat, beer-bike, etc. Right now, Michelle is taking a few years off from paid work to raise the kids (and to help run Martel) while Jerry is an oceanography professor in the Earth Sciences Department. His research focuses on the chemistry of sediment, water and gas in the oceans.

So, why is Martel the coolest college? We have great students, great activities, a great location, and no stale traditions. Welcome - our doors and gates are open for thought, discourse, consultation and tidbits (except some evenings when we may ask you to read books/do homework with the kids). You can write us this summer at [jerry@rice.edu](mailto:jerry@rice.edu).

Jerry and Michelle  
Martel Masters

# RESIDENT ASSOCIATES



BRIAN AND ALANA GIBSON

Hello new Martelians! We would like to welcome you to your new home and would also like to tell you a little about ourselves so that you will know who keeps walking their snorting pug all around the building.

Alana is from Providence, RI, and Brian is from the rural town of Rehoboth, MA. Both of us have been in Texas for a long time so our accents have been diluted. Alana received her BA in Anthropology from UT Austin and her MED in Educational Anthropology from the University of Houston. Brian received his BA in Kinesiology, and his MA and PhD in Exercise Physiology from UT Austin. We were married in Austin, TX in December of 1995.

Brian accepted a position at Rice and served as Lecturer of Human Performance and Health Sciences from 1996–2000. He was promoted to Assistant Professor and Director of Sports Medicine and Exercise Science from 2000–2004. Since 2004, he has worked in Academic Advising where he currently serves as the Assistant Dean of Undergraduates and Director of Academic Advising. He continues to teach both Human Physiology and Exercise Physiology courses while directing campus-wide academic advising for all undergraduates. After Alana finished her education, she worked for BMC Software as an Information Developer for several years. In August 2005, she came to Rice as the Associate

Registrar for Technology where she got to be creative and streamline processes to make all of our academic lives a little easier. Currently, she works as a software consultant for SunGard Higher Education here in Houston.

We have lots of personal interests. We both absolutely love, and dote on our dog “Sidney Vicious Gibson”, and we enjoy travel, exercise, and spending time with family and friends. We also have separate personal interests. Alana enjoys books, music, cooking, and art. Brian enjoys playing and coaching sports, lifting weights, wildlife, and photography.

We have been living with students in the residential colleges since we arrived in Houston in 1996, but we were “promoted” to Martel in summer 2004. As you can tell, we like college life. In fact, we’re not sure we can remember what it is like to NOT be in college. We consider ourselves non-judgmental adults who are here to share your lives to whatever extent you wish. We would like for you to view us as the really laid-back aunt and uncle you can go to with anything. We look forward to getting to know you!



Sidney likes: Baseballs, Dr. Pepper, Shower Curtains, Halloween, Bones, and Sleep



Welcome to the Martel family!

We are Jeff and Stephanie Frey. Your years at college will be very exciting and we hope to be a big part of it. We have made Martel our home all year round so we can be here to help you thrive and succeed at Rice. We will eat together, attend events together, throw parties together, do laundry together, wake up to fire alarms at night together, and just sit around and talk together.



STEPHANIE AND JEFF FREY

Originally from Pittsburg, PA (Jeff) and Aurora, CO (Stephanie), we met and married twelve years ago in Massillon, OH when we were in college. We moved to New Orleans, LA for a few years and have now been in Houston, TX for seven years.

We have another member of our family. Samson is our four-year-old Silky Terrier who likes to bark at everything. He is a bit high strung, but harmless. Call him "Samson" most of the time, "Sammy" when you are playing with him, and "Sam!" when he is bad.

Jeff creates websites and technology solutions for Rice, managing the Web Services group in the Information Technology Department on campus. He holds a Master's degree in Computer Science, teaches technology courses at the Glasscock School of Continuing Studies, and is presently finishing his last year in the Executive MBA program at Rice.



SAMSON

Stephanie is a Licensed Professional Counselor and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in private practice in Sugar Land, TX. She is also the Director of Marriage, Family, and Counseling at the Sugar Land Vineyard Church. Stephanie holds a Master's degree in Marriage and Family Counseling.

As a couple, we like movies, the theater, going out to eat, and travelling. Jeff sings, plays guitar, and likes multisport activities like duathlons and triathlons. Stephanie loves to cook and bake, likes afternoon tea, coffee shops, and shopping. At Martel, we host a weekly study break and other events outside the college like paintballing and afternoon tea.

We are in room 327, stop by often and get to know us. We look forward to meeting you in person real soon.

# COLLEGE COORDINATOR

Hello new class of Martel College!

My name is Maria Byrne and I am your cheerful College Coordinator. My office is located adjacent to the Commons, which makes it easy to come by and check your mail on your way to and from your meals. You can stop by anytime between 9:00AM and 5:00PM I am here to help you get through your college years and since I have been at Rice for such a long time, (more than 20 years) I know quite a bit about Rice, so I will attempt to answer any questions regarding the college and university matters, and any others you want to throw my way! If I don't have an answer I'll try to find it for you or direct you to the right person. Along with all this I can provide you with many other important and necessary things like your mail, postage stamps, class schedules, photocopies, faxes, band-aids and candy! You'll get your room and mailbox keys from me if you happen to lock yourself out of your room, I have an extra key! But, most importantly I am always willing to listen, so don't be a stranger; poke your head in every now and then and say hello and don't be intimidated by the regulars in my office.



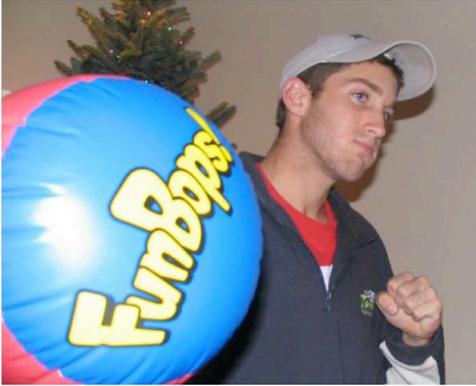
As you probably already know, Martel is still a very young college and you are part of just the eighth incoming freshman class of Martel. Just this last May we had our fourth Martel-only graduating class. I know how important you will become to each other and to the college. Your class will set traditions and it will enrich the college in so many ways you can not imagine. I am excited with anticipation of new faces and personalities. If this coming year is anything like the last one, we are in for another exciting year! I am so looking forward to welcoming you to be part of our Martel family!

I am originally from Venezuela, but went to college at Florida Institute of Technology (now Florida Tech). So I was also once a lost and lonely freshman in need of a friendly, helping hand. That's why I'm here; for you! I have been in Houston since 1981. My husband Greg works at NASA and is also an Associate of Martel – he participates in many of the Martel functions. I have three daughters, Alex and Steph, both 21 years old (yes, twins!) who are in college and my little one Cassie, who is 17. You might occasionally see Cassie around the college on her days off.

I hope you are having a great summer! If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 713-348-4944, fax me at 713-348-4941 or better yet, email me at [maria@rice.edu](mailto:maria@rice.edu).



# MARTEL PRESIDENT



Before I get to congratulating you for being assigned to the best College that Rice has to offer, I want to get something off my chest: Even though the top of this page says “Martel President,” that’s not how I want you to think of me. Odds are you’ll never hear anyone at Martel refer to me that way (except, perhaps, ironically). I go by a number of names: McB, Homegrown, and Fall Risk are all acceptable ways to get my attention. (If none of those names are really your speed, you’re welcome to come up with your own.)

You might not see me around Martel as much as you see your advisors, but it’s not because I don’t like you (or Martel). I love Martel. And I don’t know you that well yet — but, well, I feel comfortable saying that I love you, too. (I hope things won’t be awkward between us now.) One of the ways that I show my love for Martel is by attending a large number of meetings on your behalf. I meet weekly with the SA, the other College Presidents, and Dean Forman, so if you ever have an issue that you want to raise, by all means let me know. It’s my job to make sure that you’re getting what you want, so don’t be shy.

On the other side of the coin, I lead weekly Parliament meetings at Martel. (If you’re intrigued by how Martel manages to reconcile our Greek heritage, Oktoberfest, and Parliament, you can find an article about Parliament on page 26!)

And just so you don’t think I’m nothing but a cold politician, I’m going to subject you to some small part of my life story. It’s also only fair that since I’m going to be studying up on you for the next month that you get to know something about me, too:

I was born in California (northern), but moved to Washington (the state) when I was five. I’ve lived in Bellevue (across the street from Microsoft) for 15 years, but now I own a Mac. My brother matriculated at Martel in 2003 and I have been in love with it ever since. I yearned for college through the remainder of my high school years, until I — like you now — received my O-Week book. (I may have swooned; I don’t remember.)

If that actually intrigued you and you want to talk the talk (or walk the walk), drop by my room (421) anytime. If I’m not in a meeting, my door is always open. I’ve been around the block at Rice, literally and figuratively, so I’m always happy to answer any questions you might have. And if I don’t know the answer, I’ll point you to someone who does...

I’ll leave you with this thought: Martel will be your home for the next four years, and not just in the sense that this is where your bed is. Martel is your family now. I hope that you will grow to love them like I do.

You’ll learn a lot at Rice, but the one thing they won’t teach you in any of your classes is how badass baby blue can be...

Sean McBeath  
Martel College President

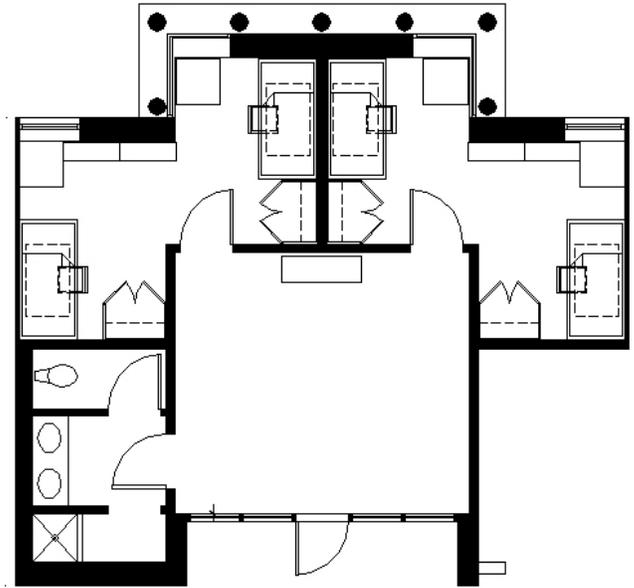
MARTEL COLLEGE



YO-HO-HO-WEEK

You, an incoming Martel Freshman, have been given the opportunity to experience something no other freshman from any of the other colleges, Will Rice, Hanszen, Lovett especially, et al. will be able to experience... comfort. That's right, not only did you get into Rice University, you also are lucky enough to live in A BUH-RANDDDD NEWWWW COLLEGE (which isn't necessarily true anymore because McMurtry and Duncan Colleges are the newest additions to the residential colleges). Some of the other colleges don't even have legitimate windows!

As an incoming freshman, you will probably be placed into a quad double or a hex double (refer to glossary for terminology, but that would be a four- or six-person suite). This includes a common room and private bathrooms! Each bedroom is furnished with a bed (to be lofted or unlofted any way you wish), wardrobe, set of drawers, desk, and chair (x2 for doubles, of course). Unfortunately, the common room does not come furnished, but on the bright side this gives you an opportunity to bond with your roommates! Make some sweet furniture, or take trips out to Target or Ikea and go crazy with your parents' credit card (kidding!)? Also, you should contact your roommates before you move in and figure out who is bringing what. TV, refrigerator, speakers, car... the list goes on.



Comfort is only a small fragment of what Martel is all about, so enjoy your time here and laugh at the other colleges with their miniscule bedrooms and community bathrooms! Plus, we have daily trash pickups and weekly bathroom cleanings! Seriously, if someone throws "Martel is not a college!" at you, just tell them you'll cry yourself to sleep in your huge common room.



Martel is your new home away from home, and it's a pretty sweet place to live. Martel has everything you could ever want or need in a home – good people, decent food, and great facilities.

For all of your laundering needs, there is the laundry room in the northwest corner of the first floor. Since you've already been charged for doing laundry in all of those student fees Rice was nice enough to tack onto your bill, you might as well take advantage of the conveniently located room. Leave your quarters behind, but you'll still need to bring detergent, dryer sheets, bleach, a basic knowledge of how to do laundry, and your manners. Most of the washers are high efficiency (HE) machines, so you will need to buy HE laundry detergent. Outside of the laundry room is also a snack and drink machine.



Next door to the laundry room is Martel's very own weight room. Inside are a TV, weights, and lots of other typical workout equipment you'd find in a small gym.

For your computing and printing needs, there is a computer lab on the third floor. If you need a place to study, there are study rooms conveniently located on the second, third, and fourth floors. There are also three classrooms located on the first floor that are accessible 24 hours. If none of those rooms fit your fancy, there is also the library and the private dining room (PDR) located on the second floor. The PDR can be reserved by students for special occasions through the Martel Vice President.

Martel also has kitchens located on every floor, and even two on the first. Each is equipped with an oven, stove, sink, dish washer, microwave, and refrigerator. There are various utensils and dishes, but you might have to bring some of your own if you're a serious chef.

For your time wasting needs, Martel has a TV room and a game room, both conveniently located on the first floor. The TV room comes equipped with a big-screen TV, VCR, DVD player, and plenty of seating. The game room has a ping pong table, a foosball table, a pool table, darts, an air hockey table, a giant chalkboard wall, and even a huge video arcade machine made by a few Martel students.

Finally, for all of your mailing needs, you can receive your mail, buy stamps, and send mail right from Maria's office on the first floor located outside of the servery. You can also make copies (for a small price), watch TV, and get free candy too.

Nervous about college food, the freshman fifteen, and the possibility of getting scurvy? Well don't be, because you get to eat at NORTH SERVERY! Unlike some other serveries (which are what Rice students call cafeterias, dining halls, etc), the North servery has a pretty diverse offering of food at each meal. At breakfast you can get eggs, waffles, bacon, sausage, cereal, muffins, bagels, bread, yogurt, and fruit. For lunch and dinner, there's an awesome salad bar, a "home cooked" section, soup, sandwich fixins, hot veggies. There is also a grill with fries, garden burgers, hamburgers and chicken. Pizza, dessert, and ice cream are also available so there is usually something to eat for every palette. There is also a wide selection of drinks, including juice, soda, coffee, milk, and tea.

Servery food can get a little repetitive, the key to enjoying servery food is to be creative. To spice it up, add salad dressing to your sandwich, peanut butter on your cereal, or chicken fingers to your salad (my personal philosophy is that you can add anything to a salad and it will still taste good). There are no rules that say you can't have cereal for dinner, PB&J for all your meals, or chicken in your omelet (people might look at you funny though).

Try to remember to take your ID down to meals so you don't hold up the line typing in your ID number. Also don't take plates and silver ware up to your room as that's a good way to (a) make your room disgusting and (b) tick off the servery staff; there are disposable plates for food-on-the-go needs. There are no trays in any Rice servery, which makes it harder to take more than you're going to eat (think less waste and less chance of freshman 15). Be nice to the kitchen staff, they make your food and do your dishes!!

The servery is not open past 7:30 on weekdays, so if you get late night munchies, your on-campus options include Coffee House, open till 1 am on weekdays (they give out free coffee at 12:45!), 13th Street which includes a Smoothie King, is open till 11 pm on weekdays, and Willie's Pub open till 2 am during weekdays (they make great Quizno's sandwiches). And of course there's Houston, which is the "fattest city in America" for a reason. Explore Houston for all its culinary greatness, because the servery is closed on Saturday nights and speaking from experience Chipotle and 13th Street every Saturday night gets old.



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Here are the details on everything you need to know about staying in touch with people once you get to Martel.

**Phone:** Rice has its own phone system, which is included in your Tuition and Fees. All you need to do is bring a phone and plug it in. Your new phone number will be 713-348-XXXX; you'll find out what the last four digits are when you move into your new room. All phone numbers on the Rice campus begin with 713-348, so if you're calling another on-campus number from your room, you need only dial the last 4 digits. All local calls from Rice are free. Dial 9 first, to get an outside line, then whatever number you are calling. The phone system also includes voice mail. The first time you plug in your phone, you'll be prompted to set up your voice mailbox. If you have a caller ID box or phone, the system will support it.

**Fax:** There is a fax machine in Maria's (our college coordinator) office. If you absolutely need to send a fax right away, and Maria isn't there, you can take it down to the information desk in the RMC (Student Center).

**E-mail:** Most of you should have already set up your Rice e-mail accounts. If that's not the case, please visit the website: [apply.rice.edu](http://apply.rice.edu) to set up your account. However, don't fret, you'll be receiving information about this process in the coming weeks. If you arrive on campus without it, tell your advisors, and they'll help you get it set up. Your address will be \_\_\_\_\_@rice.edu. This will give you access to the Rice Facebook network. Fancy.

**Mail:** You can send US mail from Maria's office or any US mailbox that you see on campus. If you need a post office there is one on-campus behind the Rice Police Department. Once here you will be given your own mailbox, and all of your US and campus mail will be delivered there. Your address at Martel will be:

**Your Name**  
**99 Sunset Blvd.**  
**Houston, TX 77005**

## ASSOCIATES

by Sean McBeath, Martel '10

If your high school was like mine, you called all your teachers by their first names and ate lunch with them on a daily basis. If not (which seems to be the general consensus), you probably avoided them like the plague outside of classtime. At Rice, we've done all the hard work for you: We found the very best of Rice faculty and staff and we made them Martel Associates so that you can get to know them.

These people come from all over — we have associates in just about every department and office. We also laid claim to our very own Sergeant White of RUPD, in addition to community associates who live and work in Houston. And beyond being fantastic human beings, they have lots of real world experience and advice to offer you.

During O-Week your O-Week group will be paired up with a few associates, but it doesn't end there! Once a semester we have a special Associates' Dinner, where we all get into our dandiest clothes and welcome them to come eat at Martel. Don't be afraid to get to know them, because they can be some of your best resources (and friends) for your time at Rice (and after).

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If you've ever seen a meeting of the British Parliament on TV, you have a pretty good idea of what Martel Parliament is like; except for the accents. And the fact that Martel Parliament committees do everything from plan public parties, to organizing super-fun Martel-only events, to address food and laundry concerns (I don't think that there is a food and laundry committee in British Parliament...). Oh, and I may have forgotten to mention that at Martel Parliament meetings we have FUN.

Martel Parliament is composed of an Executive Council, consisting of the president, who runs the weekly meetings and is the valiant captain of our fair ship of state, a vice president, who is in charge of room draw and parking jack, prime ministers who oversee all of Martel Parliament's committees, treasurers, who are the eternal guardians of Martel's vast hoards of dragon gold (and have the power to write checks), and secretaries, who send out announcements, parliament meeting minutes, and HILARIOUS youtube videos. Also, each class elects four class representatives (YOU should run for freshman class representative this fall!), whose duties are to vote on official items of Martel business, and to bring food to parliament meetings. That's right, every weekly meeting of parliament features delicious FREE FOOD. Besides these voting members, Parliament also has great committees with awesome committee chairs, who use Martel's money and the matching funds given to Martel by the university to buy all sorts of cool stuff to make life at Martel awesome.

So I feel like I've rambled through this little description of Martel Parliament, so here's the moral of this story: Join Parliament. Come to meetings. We decide how to spend Martel's money, come up with awesome ideas of stuff to do at Martel, and have an amazing time doing it!



### Parliament Positions

		*(e-mail address)@rice.edu
President	Sean McBeath	(sgm)*
Vice President	Wally Kelm	(wkelm)
Prime Minister	Anna Wilde	(amw3)
Secretary	Page Robinson	(pgr1)
	Erik Tanner	(ent1)
Treasurer	Antonia Sebastian	(a.sebastian)
	Aubrey Sansing	(ans1)
Socials	Noemie Levy	(nlevy)
	Jenny Sullivan	(jenny.sullivan)
Senior Reps	Emma Campbell	(ecc1)
	Justin Maxwell	(justin.e.maxwell)
	Keith Michel	(keith.a.michel)
	Steven Ross	(sjr1)
Junior Reps	Autumn Allen	(ama1)
	MK Quinn	(mkq1)
	Selim Sheikh	(selim.w.sheikh)
	Kevin Tran	(ktran)
Sophomore Reps	Chris Gray	(chris.gray)
	Harry Han	(harry.j.han)
	Jake Keller	(jrk3)
	Emily Pyle	(emily.e.pyle)
SA Senator	Charlene Lo	(charlene.lo)
RPC Rep	Marielle Schweikart	(mcs8)
	Fahad Punjwani	(ffp1)
U-Court Rep	Bo Shi	(bo.shi)
Honor Council Rep	Andrew Briggs	(andrew.t.briggs)
Chief Justice	J. Daniel Hays	(daniel.hays)

Hey! What's a great way to get involved at the best college on the Rice campus as a freshman or transfer student, even without knowing tons of upperclassmen? Join a Martel committee! There's a committee for every interest under the sun, involvement doesn't require a ton of time, you'll meet other Martelians, and you'll be improving Martel for the better. What's to lose? Email the chair or chairs of a committee to find out more information or to express interest in becoming a member of their committee.

**Academics** – Chair: *Wally Kelm (wkelm@rice.edu)*

Composed of the Martel Mentors and Martel PAAs, this committee is charged with enhancing the academic life at Martel. They tutor Martel students, edit papers, and hold review sessions for a few of the entry-level classes.

**Alumni** – Chairs: *Maggie Murphy (maggie.murphy@rice.edu)* & *Elena White (ewhite@rice.edu)*

The Alumni Committee keeps track of and serves the community of Martel alumni.

**Associates** – Chairs: *Stephanie Hernandez (stephanieh@rice.edu)* & *Johanna Horn (jhorn@rice.edu)*

This committee is in charge of hosting the Associates' Night each semester, as well as appointing, communicating with, and serving all of Martel's associates.

**Environmental** – Chairs: *Mike Lytle (mike.lytle@rice.edu)* & *Raul Villarreal (rsv1@rice.edu)*

The main duties of this committee include developing and implementing projects to decrease the environmental impact of Martel College, as well as working to educate the college on environmental issues.

**Food and Laundry** – Chair: *Torrey Luttrell (tml1@rice.edu)*

This committee is in charge of maintaining kitchen space throughout the college and acting as a liaison between the students and the servery staff on matters related to the kitchens and food for the college. The committee is also charged with the maintenance and organization of the laundry room.

**Historian/Photographer** – Chairs: *Justyna Brewczyk (brewczyk@rice.edu)*, *Amelia Min-Venditti (aminvenditti@rice.edu)* (fall semester), & *Katie Ortbahn (katie.m.ortbahn@rice.edu)* (spring semester)

The historian/photographer of Martel is charged with keeping a living record of the history of Martel College. This includes taking pictures at each Martel event throughout the year. This committee is also charged with creating the Martel section of the yearbook.

**Improvements and Properties** – Chairs: *Kevin Tran (ktran@rice.edu)* & *Jaclyn Youngblood (jcy2@rice.edu)*

This committee compiles suggestions, hears complaints, and oversees work for permanent improvements of the college. It is charged with maintaining the ambiance we have here at Martel.

**Innies** – Chairs: *Chris Gray (cgg2@rice.edu)* & *Selim Sheikh (sws2@rice.edu)*

The Innies Committee is charged with organizing internal events -- such as dinners, cultural events, and study breaks -- for Martel.

**Library** – Chair: *Duffy Elmer (duffy.elmer@rice.edu)*

This committee is responsible for maintaining Martel's fledgling Movie Library.

**Outies** – Chairs: *Rhae Adams (radams@rice.edu)* & *Jake Keller (jrk3@rice.edu)*

The Outies Committee is charged with organizing Martel events that take place beyond the hedges.

**Service** – Chairs: *Emily Pyle (eep1@rice.edu)* & *Veronica Torres (vat1@rice.edu)*

This committee provides volunteer opportunities at Martel, on the Rice campus, and even beyond the hedges.

**Spirit** – Chairs: *Maggie Andersen (mfa3@rice.edu)* & *Emma Stockdale (eas2@rice.edu)*

This committee is charged with organizing events to increase and encourage college spirit.

**Sports** – Chairs: *Iggy Olivera (Ignacio.olivera@rice.edu)* & *Aubrey Sansing (ans1@rice.edu)*

This committee is in charge of coordinating sporting activities at Martel and throughout the university.

**Technology** – Chairs: *Rodrigo Flores (rodrigo@rice.edu)* & *Pedro Silva (pedro.r.silva@rice.edu)*

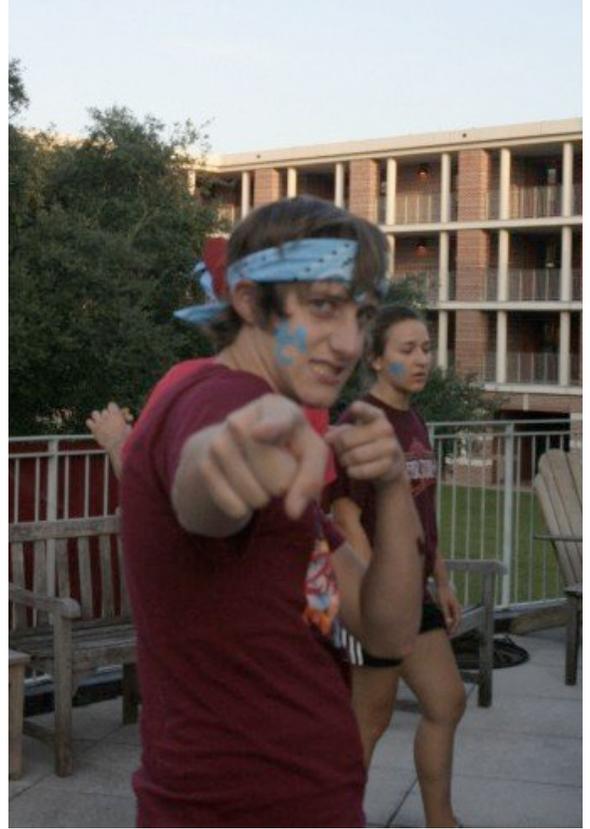
This committee is in charge of maintaining Martel properties that can be plugged in, such as the copy machine, TVs, the giant video game machine in the game room, computers, and a bunch of other stuff. They also regularly update the Martel website. (martel.rice.edu)

**Theater** – Chairs: *Fahad Punjwani (fahad.f.punjwani@rice.edu)* & *George Romar (george.romar@rice.edu)*

This committee is in charge of overseeing the year's theatrical and musical productions, in addition to the annual Martel Talent Show and the Martel Piano Recital.

“Martel... Martel, Martel, Martel... Martel... Martel.” You have just been introduced to the most widely known song around campus. Trust me, it catches on really quickly. Whenever a group of Martelians chooses to demonstrate their spirit for the best college ever, they begin to sing the Martel song. Whether on a walk to an intramural sporting event or during the Beer Bike parade, you will be sure to hear Martelians singing their song. Trumpet and bagpipes have even accompanied the song during Powderpuff games. So be sure to chime in and proudly sing that you are from Martel, the greatest college ever.

We show our spirit and our love for our college through cheers, songs, and the active participation of students within our college. You will find the Violent Femmes destroying other colleges in Powderpuff in the fall, while a sideline full of fans cheer them on. Some bring musical instruments and some bring an appetite for the sideline barbecues. Devoted college thespians will be practicing day and night for weeks in order to prepare for their theatrical performances. Parliament members will be working daily to make sure the college is running smoothly. Others will choose to represent Martel in the Houston area by volunteering with our community service committee. Throughout the year, Martelians show their love for their college by participating in the events that we as students put together.



There are several events throughout the year that are unique to Martel. In the fall, we kick the year off with “Don’t Mess With Texas” Party, the first public party of the year. Later in the semester, we have Oktoberfest, complete with brats, beverages, and German music. In the spring, we have Brian and Alana’s Super Bowl party, Jerry’s Crawfish Boil, and Greek Week, a week-long celebration of our namesake’s Greek heritage. Martel Beach, on the Sundeck the last night of the Academic year, is our biggest party and a euphoric end to a stressful semester. While there will certainly be other many events throughout the year, these select few have stood the test of time and become Martel traditions.

Some of your favorite things about Martel will be those spur-of-the-moment events that take you away from your work. On rainy days and nights, someone is bound to start up a game of rain soccer. You will get drenched and dirty, but that is half of the fun. Some nights you will hear a commotion outside, only to find your fellow Martelians spraying water and throwing balloons to defend us from the onslaught of Baker 13. You won’t ever forget it is Halloween, because someone will knock on your door and give you candy. A fire alarm, while annoying and loud, will force you and everybody else out into the cloisters, and a group of boys will start throwing the frisbee in the quad while everybody else walks around and talks with their friends, even at 4:00 AM. After weeks of trying, you will finally sink, with a daring jumpshot, your wadded-up napkin into someone’s glass at dinner. These are all happenings which you can expect to see at your new home.

Being a part of Martel means being a part of a family that is not afraid of being new. We do not view being an eight-year-old college as an inhibition but rather as an opportunity. Martelians are creative. Our tradition is that we continually have students who are willing to think outside of the box and bring something new to our college and to Rice.



On a night long ago, in 2002 during Martel's first Willy Week and even before Martel's first class of incoming freshmen, a live baby goat appeared at Martel. A component of a jack by another college, the adorable young beast was adopted and appropriately named Jack. A large pen was constructed for Jack near the Masters House, where he was joined a few days later by a pair of chickens from another Willy Week prank. After a glorious Beer Bike, due to city ordinances, Jack could not legally reside with us at Martel. A new home outside the city limits was found for him, and Martel was once again goatless.

The idea for a mascot came long before its fruition, but after a few years of effort the Martel Beer Goat made its debut at Mock Beer Bike in April 2007, to the joy of us all. Constructed of welded steel, the Beer Goat is now wheeled to every major Martel function, as you too will discover after O-Week.

Two years ago, RAs Jeff and Stephanie Frey graced us with another goat at Beer Bike 2008, this one borrowed from a nearby farm. Amid the insanity of Beer Bike morning, our friend Ashby was only the latest incarnation of what has become the unofficial mascot of Martel.



# O-WEEK PERSONNEL





Ahoy new Martelians!

I'm Kevin (no-middle-name) Tran and I am extremely ecstatic to be one of your O-Week Coordinators! Even though I apparently have an extremely common name (try Facebook searching my name, it's just silly), around Martel, I respond to both Kevin & KTran, a nick-name my O-Week advisors (one of which is Martel's current President, Sean McB!) gave me the first day of my own O-Week! So don't be confused when you hear that thrown around.

I was born in Fountain Valley, California (in Orange County) and I'm very proud of that fact as I was an avid fan of the TV show *The OC*—until Marissa died and it got really bad. Despite my pride in my birthplace, I only lived there for 1 year until I moved to the great state of Texas, which is something I've learned to embrace since coming to Rice (though I still do not own a cowboy hat or boots). I grew up in Arlington and Irving, TX before coming to Houston.

On top of O-Week Coordinating this year, I'm also serving as a Junior Representative in Martel's Parliament. I'm also the co-chair with Jaelyn Youngblood of the Martel Improvements Committee. I'll also be a Martel Mentor this year helping anyone out in the beloved Intro Biology class (BIOS 201)! I have also been a member of Martel's Chug Team for Beer Bike (fastest chug time for 32 ounces of water: 3.4 seconds)!

I'm Pre-Med majoring in Biochemistry & Cell Biology, which to me, pretty much means I couldn't decide on a major so I stuck with one that made the most sense for a Pre-Med. And keeping with the uncertainty, I've had many identity crises which spurred me to even dabble in film and photography a little bit. Though I wussed out of that, Film & Photography are budding hobbies of mine. I love watching movies and I'm proud to say that I know way more than the average moviegoer, which, if you ever hear me talk about movies, I sound like a major geek.

Speaking of being geeky, ever since I was a kid I've been an avid comic book reader, and in my long line of research it has been concluded that Batman is far superior to Superman. Argue with me and death stares will ensue.

Despite y'all's views on who would win in a battle between Batman and Superman, I know that we're all going to get to know each other very well and very soon! I'm very laid-back and I have a "problem" with telling people "No" when they ask for a favor, so don't even hesitate to approach me! Even though I'm off-campus this year, Martel is my home and I'll be around! I'm excited to meet you all!

MBYM,  
KTran





Misunderstood the assignment of writing a bio

Koffeehouse, theatre, jazz band, and Martel consume all her time

Lucky to be YOUR coordinator

Originally from Boulder, CO

Very, very

Extraordinary

Sold her soul to Bioengineering

You'll love Martel! Yarg.

O appears 4 times in the 11 letters of The Foot Book, my favorite childhood literary masterpiece!

Unicorns





Well, this is somewhat awkward, isn't it? I mean, I know all sorts of fun things about Martel's new students, but you guys really know next to nothing about me. That simply won't do. I think the best way to rectify this will be to present you with a number of (hopefully) interesting things about myself, in what I'd like to call Steven Ross Fun Facts!<sup>TM</sup> Here goes:

**Just to clarify, what is your name?** Steven J. Ross. The "J" stands for "Jawesome!"

**Where are you from?** Martel. Oh, you mean like before I came to Rice? Well, then, that would be College Station, Texas.

**Why do you like Martel so much, anyway?** Because it is the BEST college. Ever.

**Who is your favorite Beatle?** Honestly, I'd have to say John, although every once in a while I'll claim Ringo. You know, just to be different.

**What is your major?** Physics.

**Do you like it?** Yes. Well, usually. This really seems to vary based on when the question is asked. If I happen to have, say, a quantum mechanics test coming up, the answer is likely to be more negative.

**What year are you?** I'm a senior. Man, now I feel old. Anyone want to hear a rambling story about how things were so much better when I was your age?

**What is your favorite place to eat in Houston?** Barring any cost-prohibitive options, I'd have to say Freebirds. They serve delicious, huge burritos. Ask me about it sometime, maybe we can go together.

**Which is your favorite Star Wars film?** The Empire Strikes Back. No contest.

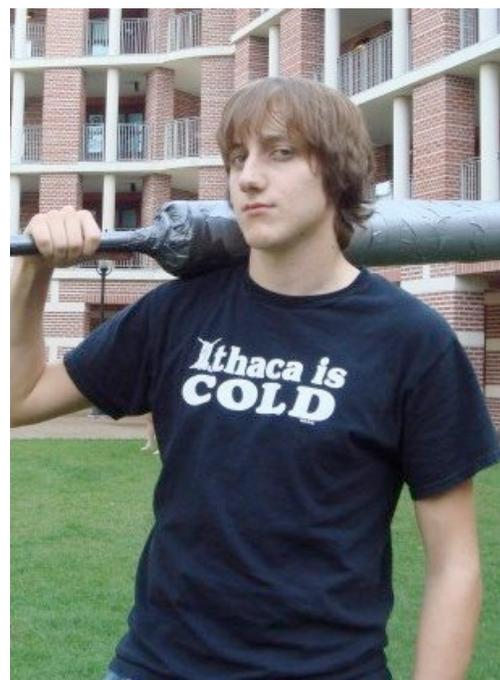
**Who's your favorite Muppet?** I've always really liked the Swedish Chef

**Which Pirates of the Caribbean character do you most identify with and why?** Elizabeth Swann, because I am a deeply emotional person, though sometimes I cover up my feelings using the mask of my sexiness.

I hope you found that an informative look at your O-Week coordinator. Unfortunately, until move-in day, I think that will have to do. But fear not, for on that day we shall become better acquainted. I can't wait to meet all of you, and I hope you're as excited for O-Week as I am!

Yours in O-Week,  
Steven Ross, Cartographer\*

\*As appointed by Jacob Lindsey, Sid Rich Coordinator '09



# WHAT IS AN ADVISOR?

by Alex Siller, Martel '10

New students be forewarned: your first year at Rice can be a scary place: you are expected to assume more responsibilities, you will have to adjust to Rice's often confusing system of academic rules and regulations, and, except for those of you from Houston, you **WON'T KNOW WHERE TO GO FOR LATE NIGHT FOOD RUNS!!!! AHHHHHHHHH!!!!**

Fear not! There is a very bright ray of hope illuminating the dark and scary path ahead of you: **YOUR ADVISORS!!!! YAY!!!!** Your advisors will be your primary source of knowledge during O-week and beyond. If you have any questions, chances are one of the advisors in your O-week group will know the answer, or they'll know where to get it. They are two Martelians who were in your shoes not too long ago, and they have successfully survived a year (or two, or even three) at Rice and know where people and places are around campus and around Houston. They are full of advice (hence the term advisors) and are extremely eager to share it with you, and not just during O-week. Your advisors want to be your friends, so do not **EVER** be shy about approaching them with any questions about Rice or Houston you may have, or even just to converse with them.

So don't be scared, but do be forewarned: the person who runs at your car when you first pull up to Martel and knows exactly who you are, your age, where you went to high school, and all sorts of other odd facts about you is not in fact a Nigerian email pirate who has just stolen your identity, but your well-meaning but likely socially awkward advisor who just wants to be your friend and help you through O-week and your first year at Rice.



O-WEEK PERSONNEL

# WHAT IS A CO-ADVISOR?

by Sara Hartnett, Hanszen '10



Now, I know what you are thinking, I am at Martel, the best residential college on campus (cough Hanszen rocks), why would I need to meet anyone else from any other college? One of the greatest things about Rice is its college system, where you can have the largest extended family of roommates ever, become involved in your college government, and rock its sports teams. It can be easy to forget that people other than Martelians go to this school. That's what we're here for. The Co-Advisors, a group of advisors from different colleges across campus bring excitement and energy from their own respective colleges and are here to remind you you're not alone on campus. Your co-advisor can serve as a bridge between you and another college, for extended resources when needing help in a class, having a friend when going to a club meeting, or navigating the south colleges. You may meet your best friend, or even that special someone at a college other than your own. So, pity the advisor who is not from Martel, but get to know them and the inferior college they come from (cough Hanszen Hanszen Yeah! cough).



ALEX SILLER

By: M. Night Shyamalan

Alex Siller was a young Martelian. He loved soccer, playing his guitar, and being a DJ at KTRU. She thought she knew all of these things and more about him, but lately things had been... off. People had been saying strange things about Alex. Her neighbor had a favorite story about how Alex, who she knew hailed from Mexico, was one of a band of aliens who had terrorized her house who were eventually driven away by their fear of water. A close friend of hers had recently told her that Alex, whose favorite TV shows are 30 Rock and Arrested Development, had recently been uncovered as the monster who attacked her any time she left her property or displayed the color red. People certainly were saying strange things about Alex. She fondly remembered his love of the outdoors, how he liked to nap like a hobo at Hermann Park, or visit the zoo. Thinking of the outdoors painfully dragged up the memory of the last bit of strangeness he'd been a part of, where everyone thought he'd been responsible for a series of deaths that had turned out to be caused by tree toxins that made people kill themselves. Weird things, all with an improbable twist. So improbable, that lately she was thinking Alex, who thoroughly enjoyed his research in the Jacot cardiomechanics lab, was probably a figment of her imagination. And of everyone else's. Of course, there's no such person as Alex Siller. That explained everything. Come to think of it, she was slowly coming to realize that all of these stories about Alex had come to her attention after his own death at the hands of one of his crazed patients. What? Alex is not a doctor... And then Alex, who loves to read, stopped daydreaming and started paying attention in his bioengineering class, and it turned out that Alex was real, and she and all of her acquaintances and their messed up little town were imagined, and Alex was real. Wait... what?

EILEEN ONG  
(HANSZEN)

If I could only use one word to describe Eileen, it would have to be informed. This is a girl whose home page is, no lie, people.com, but this is not to say she only keeps up with the jet set crowd. With Eileen as a friend, you will never feel out of the loop. Your very own advisor may well be the best-informed person on campus. No seriously, it can be creepy how much she knows. Go ahead and prep yourself now for her favorite question: "What's new?" and don't be surprised when she knows your cutting edge news, even if it's about yourself. Don't you worry; there is more than one side to Eileen than just being your number one source for information. This Bangkok native happens to be the product of a superb international school and speaks wonderful English! In fact, she only speaks English... but you should probably not mention that. It's kind of a sore spot. She may not have picked up any languages in Asia, but she picked up plenty of the culture. If life ever gets to stressful Eileen will always be there ready to chill things out. Ever feel the need for a dance party? Throw on Poker Face and she is there. Eileen really know no bounds, so get ready for an awesome O-Week because you have got one really cool advisor on your side!



JACLYN YOUNGBLOOD

Ms. Youngblood hails from the suburbs of somewhere in Massachusetts, though is a true Texas Hill Country girl at heart—or so she has managed to convince herself following the purchase of a pair of cowboy boots she made sometime in August. The girl likes to "GET IT," as you will learn shortly, mostly because she perpetually exclaims the phrase at an exponential rate into the wee hours of the morning. With regards to Jaclyn's higher level education, she's gung ho about breaking through Rice's pearly hedges with a double major in political science and history.

Above most other things, Jaclyn loves dogs and will yell, "Puppy!" any and every time she sees one walking on the inner loop. Jaclyn also loves families, and will want you to adopt her into yours as soon as she meets you. Speaking of families—she's a big fan of the acclaimed family friendly car—The Toyota Prius. She, too, aspires to one day be silent under 5 mph. This girl makes The Thresher worth reading, and she alone made Martel a college. When she's not running around with life sized cardboard anchors fashioned into necklaces around her neck, making amateur music videos, or haggling the Coffeehouse for free coffee, then naturally she is eating TC.



ALEX SILLER, JACLYN YOUNGBLOOD, EILEEN ONG

# GUNS, GOLD, & GLAMOUR



KAVITA VENKATESWAR

Hi, my name is Kavita, and I am from San Antonio, Texas. I'm a sophomore majoring in Environmental Engineering. I'm involved in a lot of clubs and activities around campus – South Asian Society, Engineers Without Borders, and Rice Student Volunteer Program – and I am a Peer Academic Advisor too! I love to dance and sing – I'm an Indian classical dancer and I also play the oboe and piano. I also enjoy reading all sorts of books – I especially enjoy fantasy and history. I love spending time with my family – my parents are both professors, and I also have a younger sister who is in high school, and a very cute golden retriever named Raja (like the tiger in Aladdin). I work hard, and enjoy Rice's challenging atmosphere, but I'm still pretty chill and relaxed most of the time. My friends tell me that I'm a good listener and that my smile is infectious. I'm always ready for something new and different and exciting – and I can't wait to meet all of you during O-Week!



GAELYN ROSE  
(WILL RICE)

Greetings future "Guns, Gold, & Glamour"ites! You are lucky enough to have Gaelyn as one of your advisors. Ok so, it may be tough to tell her apart from other freshman... Actually, it may be tough to tell her apart from high schoolers... BUT, luckily, that's what the different colored t-shirts are for! She may look petite, but that doesn't mean you should mess with her. Not only can she hold her own in a fight, but she also has the Varsity men's basketball team to back her up – she's their manager! Seriously, though, she is awesome at her job and spends about a billion hours a week working. But even though the majority of her life is spent with the team, she'll be graduating this year with not one but TWO majors (English and PoliSci) during just her third year at Rice. All this epicness will definitely carry over to O-week and beyond, with Gaelyn guiding you through your first year at Rice, helping you with whatever she can. Also... she is great at baking and doesn't even have to set a timer as she can just feel when the cookies are done. Just ask her. Happy O-Week!



RICHARD THOMAS

Comin' straight outta beautiful Grapevine, TX, I'm a senior MechE (mechanical engineer) that likes lots of things. Don't worry if you don't like all the same things (or any) because I'll for sure like you no matter what, because that's just the way it is. Some of the things I like include (in no particular order): hoodies, the Dallas Mavericks, the Martel sundeck, penguins, Katy Perry, lazy Sundays, Taco Bell, road trips, river floating, Planet Earth, sports with large balls, basset hounds, Shawshank Redemption, friends, blitzball, Mountain Dew Voltage, IM championship t-shirts, rainy days that are warm but not too warm, the beach, Eminem, M&Ms, solo cups, Cloud Strife, accents, comfortable furniture, The Breakfast Club, the bear necessities, RHCP, rubber bands, lists, girls, Good Night Moon, Lucky Charms (the real kind not that fake stuff in the servery), funny stories, the Mighty Boosh, karaoke, rocket ships, chicken tenders, y'all, Tila Tequila, horoscopes, Willy Week, Will Ferrell, naps, speed Scrabble, trampolines, vans that seat infinite people, Beck, ewoks, the number 20, Amanda Bynes, rhymes, fun, sun, pun(s), gallons of milk, silk, sugar, spice, and everything nice.

Aite tight. Its on like Donkey Kong, see you kids in August. Can't wait. I'm so excited I just can't hide it. Ok I'm done for real.



RICHARD THOMAS, GAELYN ROSE, KAVITA VENKATESWAR



KATIE ORTBAHN

Have you ever come face to face with a live lion?

It's a lot like hanging out with your awesome advisor Katie from Arizona. When she isn't expanding her territory into her roommate's beds, she provides for her entire Martel pride by coordinating the one and only Martel Beer Bike, designing the Martel section in the yearbook, serving on U-court, and serving as Sophomore Class rep to Parliament this past year. Just about the only thing that sends this fearless feline running is the sight of hundreds of naked people running with shaving cream on their bodies (note: see Baker 13 in index!). Katie also enjoys spending her days lounging on the sundeck in her bathing suit while reading intently for her double major in history and sociology (that's right, NOT premed!). When Katie isn't relaxing in the Savannah, she loves showing off her awesome dance moves (just ask, she would love to show you) at techno clubs, cheering for the Phoenix Suns, the Boston Red Sox, and the one and only Owls baseball team. Katie isn't always busy; she also enjoys reading a good book or watching a cool, international movie in Spanish! One thing is for sure, you can plan on having an awesome O-week with Katie.

ANDRES GOZA  
(WIESS)

Are you planning on being a freshman/transfer student at Martel College this year? If you answered yes to any of the above question, then Andres Goza is the perfect advisor for you! Andres' easygoing personality, hilarious wit, hardworking sweat glands and loud voice make him the perfect companion for any situation. When he isn't playing his current sport obsession (in chronological order: frisbee, biking, ping pong, soccer, racquetball), Andres likes to make lots of jokes, listen to super-indie music, run around, serenade people with his ukelele (you could be next!), and do Mech-E related things (like homework). He also loves to tell stories - but beware, he may tell you a story up to three times! In conclusion, Andres is awesome; prepare yourself for an absurdly fun week with Andres.



FAHAD PUNJWANI

Alright freshmen, get ready for the roller coaster ride that is Fahad Punjwani. Born and raised in Karachi, Pakistan, Fahad is simultaneously the most honest/straightforward/fun-loving/interesting/genuine person you will meet during your time at Rice and an incredibly stylish creature. Unlike the typical college student who takes on sweatpants and hoodies as a uniform, Fahad is never seen in anything less than fashionable. With an amazing charisma that can charm anyone from a fellow student to professors to parents, Fahad approaches someone and instantly wins them over. As his freshmen, you will come to find that Fahad has an intense love affair with Martel College. He also has a love for dressing up for all theme parties, especially ones having to do with marine life. A true pirate at heart, this trilingual stud makes girls' hearts sway with his superb dance moves and magnetic personality. Often found in the RMC studying around Coffee-house, Fahad is always up to drink coffee and chat with you (his chats have been known to last up to five hours). With Fahad, there is always something new to learn, and you will definitely have a great friend by your side even when you've only been at Rice for a few days. Get excited for O-Week, because with Fahad as your advisor, it's likely to be the best week of your life!



FAHAD PUNJWANI, KATIE ORTBACH, ANDRES GOZA



STEPHANIE PRICE

SEATTLE! SEATTLE! SEATTLE! Stephanie proudly hails from Washington State, something you will figure out within about five minutes of meeting her. However, if there's one thing Stephanie loves more than her hometown, it's Rice. I suppose a lot of this has to do with the fact that she's just one of those people that seems to know everyone and that everyone loves. Whenever you run into her (unless she has just come from something chemistry related) she always has a smile, a wave, and a funny story to tell, whether it's about her EMS adventures or just her usual clumsiness.

Speaking of EMS, you might refer to EMS as Stephanie's boyfriend. I mean, they spend a lot of time together, they're usually thinking about each other, and her heart often races in excitement when she talks about it (watch for the drool). Don't get me wrong though – EMS may be her boyfriend but her friends come first. Even with her hectic schedule as an ecology and evolutionary biology / German studies double major, Rice Emergency Medical Services in-charge, and Harris County ESD 1 volunteer, she'll always find time to say hi, give you a hug, and/or take you on a Starbucks study break. (Side note: if you ever need anything from Stephanie, the way to her heart is through a non-fat vanilla latte.)

Oh, and if you want something fun to do during O-Week, count the number of times Stephanie brushes her teeth and washes her hands. Hygiene is her third love, right after Seattle and EMS.

DAVID SING  
(LOVETT)

David Sing is unique, to say the least. I first met David Sing through the Rice Class of 2011 Facebook group upon acceptance into Rice. Actually, come to think of it, probably the majority of the people David has met within the past couple of years have been through Facebook. He's pretty much obsessed.

David's freshmen should also feel very lucky to have him as an advisor because he does not sleep. Thus, he will be available at all hours, dropping anything he is doing to help them. As far as academic advice goes, David has taken pretty much every single class Rice has to offer. He is a freaking genius. I honestly don't know how he handles all the things he does, but he manages somehow. He pretty much knows about every class at Rice. If you need any homework help whatsoever, David is always there to help!

David was also the winner of Mr. Rice Asia. And considering the fact that Rice is pretty much all Asian, I think we can safely assume that he is also Mr. Rice.

If I had to pick David Sing's best trait, I would choose his voice and guitar-playing skills that routinely sweep both men and women off their feet.



JAKE KELLER

Just a small town boy, livin' in a lonely world. Jake took a midnight train, goin' annnny-wherrre. Really, he took it straight to Rice, and from New Braunfels, TX (home to the largest water park in the country and not much else!). When Jake isn't payin' anything just to roll the dice just ONE, MORE, TIMEEEEEEE you can catch him in the PDR studying hard for his Biochemistry major or playing on the club tennis team. He also serves as Sophomore Class rep to Parliament this coming year and will be heading up the Outties Committee with Rhae Adams. He also loves his family and especially his poodle Kylie who is "probably the most adorably, cutest thing in the whole world." On the weekend, you can find Jake jamming out to his favorite techno DJ's around Houston, dressing up for whatever themed party is going on around campus, playing guitar in the Sallyport, or just playing some soccer in the quad with his buds. Basically, Jakeafur wants to be your friend and loves long, in-depth conversations about how the universe works, how time works, and above all, belting Matchbook Twenty's "How Far We've Come" at the top of his lungs (just play it, it will happen!). In other words, get ready for the best O-week ever with this guy; he will even have the most anti-Texas people singing about the Lone Star State and Martel by the end of the week!



DAVID SING, JAKE KELLER, STEPHANIE PRICE

# PARTY IN MY PANTALOONS



NOEMIE LEVY

Noemie (pronounced as it's spelled, no-em-ee) is a junior from Cooper City, South Florida. Born in Paris, France, this ESL kid learned English at the age of 7 via an Alanis Morissette CD, and boasts a 99% success rate at mastering the nuances of English pronunciation (ask her to say s-c-a-r-c-e and s-h-e-a). She is still fluent not only in her native language, but also in sarcasm, Jewish culture, and math jargon. Noemie is a daredevil at heart: a kleptomaniac in childhood, she has (mostly) outgrown the tendency to commandeer random, worthless objects that will never be of any use to her. You can still catch a glimpse of her inner risk-taker in her refusal to come down for dinner until 3 minutes before the serverly closes. She is very bright and hard working, with interests that range from math theory to rap music to philosophy to party planning. Her wardrobe is equally as broad as her interests, and includes pajama pants, pajama shorts, and tank tops in shades of pink, purple, black, white, and gray. It's always fun to predict which pajama pants with which tank top she will choose to don on any given day. A dedicated horoscope reader, Noemie enjoys making to-do lists, watching *The Office*, and painting her toenails. Her bubbly, affable disposition combined with her sharp, dependable personality and involvement in the Martel community makes her an ideal candidate for being part of O-Week. She's a great resource for any questions you might have and will definitely make an awesome advisor.



ANYSSA TOVAR  
(HANSZEN)

Caution to those around her – she will cause you to become a chronic napper, possibly contracting chronic fatigue syndrome (just kidding... kind of).

Don't be fooled by her slender appearance, she can put down a whole box of Oreos in one sitting.

She eats a burger every day for dinner. Every. Day.

When not found scarfing Oreos or sleeping, Anyssa can be found watching *ANTM*, *The Game*, or *Love Actually*, or fantasizing about cowboys and Edward Cullen.

Watch out – this spicy Mexi has a Latina flava all her own, just don't ask her anything in Spanish.

She's a civil engineering/sports medicine/econ major.... a.k.a. a little confused, but it's okay! She has a nose like a Basset hound... no joke, brush your teeth before you meet her. She'll know.

If she could have one wish come true, her life would have a soundtrack.

She's always down to go on random adventures

Her worst nightmare is an English paper

She knows all the Disney songs from all the Disney movies. ALL OF THEM.

She is incredible and nice and will always be there for you so don't ever be afraid to ask. She might even part with an Oreo for you! She would love to be the one to welcome you to Rice and is super excited to meet all of you. SNAPS FOR ANYSSA!



MAX STEWART

He was born Max Stewart, but those who know him do call him "The Fury". But they mainly just call him Max. Born and raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Max is a cognitive science major and pre-med with a rapier wit and an encyclopedic knowledge of the James Bond franchise. Filled with nerve, verve, and awkward charm, he is fascinated by anything pertaining to classic cinema, Ireland and Scotland, the world of espionage, and candy. While not engaged in the pursuit of any of the aforementioned activities, this 5'6" (a fact which his roommates never let him live down) gentleman can be found either giving tours to prospective students on behalf of the Student Admission Council, rowing at Autry Court, or bringing humor to Martel one off-color joke at a time. Max promises to bring a wide variety of skills to the metaphorical advising table, these ranging from almost three years experience as a trapeze acrobat to scuba diving to black belt training in Tae Kwon Do, skills which he insists (or at least hopes) will be necessary. Above all, Max is eager to bring a ridiculously high level of energy and excitement along with an in-depth knowledge of Rice campus to the lucky participants of Martel's O-Week 2009. So when you hear the Sound, get ready for the Fury.



NOEMIE LEVY, MAX STEWART, ANYSSA TOVAR

# WHO LET THE SEA-DAWGZ OUT? ARRR!! ARRR!!



CHRIS LENZINI

Chris Lenzini is thrilled to be advising this year – especially because it’s after an extremely short summer after returning from a semester in Australia. The language in that country is fascinating! For example, they greet one another by saying “hi” – that’s Australian for hello. They also say strange things like, “do you have the time?” and “it’s hot out today” – those are shameless come-ons, assuredly. “Hey, Chris, it’s your turn to pay for the pizza this time” – no clue what that one means.

Excited about his triumphant return to Rice, Chris is eager to “show you the ropes around here” and give you access to his specialized, hard-won expertise – which mostly comprises of which value menu items he thinks are best at local fast food chains and colors of crayon he thinks are best for writing on tests (avoid laser lemon). As a senior that’s been involved with various theatre projects and sketch comedy, Chris is a pro at “pretending” he is getting work done and submitting unintentionally “hilarious” assignments that might be called essays. He’ll see you in Texas!

JONATHAN LO  
(BROWN)

L.A. Looks has a major interest in J Lo. He is responsible for 23.4% of their annual gel sales. How else could he maintain his razor-sharp spikes? Maybe that is what makes J Lo so irresistible. Or perhaps it is the similarities he shares with Jennifer Lopez (which extend far beyond the common moniker). Like the more famous J Lo, Jonathan is “from the block,” a block of rock in Arizona. Actually, it is probably his infectious smile and unbeatable personality that contribute the most to his charm. It is hard to top his loyal friendship and willingness to give stellar advice, academic or otherwise. And I can’t fail to mention this guy’s mental capacity: let’s just say if chemical engineering was a sport, he would be an Olympic qualifier (he has been called the Michael Phelps of organic chemistry). If you were on the chess team, don’t let J Lo know: he won’t rest until there is a board between the two of you. Just make sure there isn’t any Mozart playing when you’re around him because the strains penned by that composer give him super powers. But he doesn’t need the super powers to be a great violinist! To top it off, J Lo is a steady Agape warrior. Enjoy!



SIMONE BRIGGS

Simone Briggs is one of the best-looking females you will find west of the Mississippi. She is currently studying Econ/Business with a minor in going to bed by 8 PM every night. Simone hails from Jakarta, Indonesia which is probably why she is constantly craving Asian food. Outside of school, Simone is involved with Big Brothers/Big Sisters, writes for the Rice Financial Journal, and plays volleyball on the Martel intramural team. On an average day you can find Simone listening to some legit hip-hop, catching up on her favorite TV shows on her laptop, or skating around the inner loop on her roller blades. Simone is one of the most down-to-earth students you’ll find at Rice, and is always down for a good evening conversation (she’s in room 317, so you better stop by!). Don’t underestimate her though; Simone loves to experience all Houston has to offer, especially when she’s wearing her hot “pants.” She also loves to eat an unruly amount of oranges. Most importantly, if she could, Simone would never, ever do her laundry.

# WHO LET THE SEA-DAWGZ OUT? ARRR!! ARRR!!



JONATHAN LO, CHRIS LENZINI, SIMONE BRIGGS



ANTONIA SEBASTIAN

Legend has it, Toni once killed a man. Not by carbons emissions or swine flu or trans-fats, mind you, but by spoken word. Legend has it, the poor man eschewed food, water and toilet as he waited for Toni to finish her thoughts, but finish she never did. Even when the man finally lay silently, lifelessly on the ground—his bowels spilled, his emergency contact contacted—Toni talked. And talked, and talked. She talked about how she once killed a man. Not by carbons emissions or swine flu or trans-fats, mind you, but by spoken word. Legend has it, the poor man eschewed food, water and toilet as he waited for Toni to finish her thoughts, but finish she never did. Even when the man finally lay silently, lifelessly on the ground—his bowels spilled, his emergency contact contacted—Toni talked. And talked, and talked. She talked about how she once killed a man. Not by carbons emissions or swine flu or trans-fats, mind you, but by spoken word. Legend has it, the poor man eschewed food, water and toilet as he waited for Toni to finish her thoughts, but finish she never did. Even when the man finally lay silently, lifelessly on the ground—his bowels spilled, his emergency contact contacted—Toni talked. And talked, and talked. She talked about how she once killed a man. Not by carbons emissions or swine flu or trans-fats, mind you, but by spoken word.

LAUREN ROSENBERG  
(BAKER)

Lauren comes from the arctic tundra of Mequon, Wisconsin (you probably are familiar with Mequon because of its world renowned seal blubber) where she enjoys activities such as eating cheese curds, milking cows, and eating cheese curds. You may suspect that because she comes from such a cold place (average summer temperature of  $-5000^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) she is a cold-hearted ice queen, but this could not be farther from the truth. Lauren is about as cuddly as a baby polar bear with no claws or teeth.

One of the first things you will notice about Lauren is that you can't understand anything she is saying. This is due to her thick Wisconsin accent. Here is a short list of words she may use which you may not be familiar with.

- 1) Aboot = about
- 2) Baayg (pronounced similar to the beginning of bagel) = bag
- 3) Daygger = dagger
- 4) Waygon = wagon

If Lauren says to you, "Take the daegggers out of the baaag and put them about the waygon" this guide will come in handy.

A few words that describe Lauren are: bubbly, smart (pre-med with a BS in Biochemistry), outgoing, yells when excited, and funny. She finds fun in just about any activity no matter how mundane, and has one of the best outlooks on life. She loves long walks on the beach, is an Aries, and loves to bust a move. If Lauren is your advisor, get ready because this cow-tippin' Wisco girl will make your O-week a memorable one.

P.S. Watch out for random dance parties.



RHAЕ ADAMS

Rhae Woodson Adams III is the definition of a southern gentleman. Before coming to Rice, Rhae was formerly known as "Trey" while receiving an excellent education at Norfolk Academy in the great "southern" state of Virginia. Don't be too confused, the new Rhae still dresses like a prep occasionally with a wardrobe complete with madras shorts and pastels. As a sophomore biochemistry major with plans to attend med school, Rhae is already working in a prestigious lab on campus conducting his own, very complicated, research. He is incredibly organized, due to a touch of OCD, and his priorities are usually in order. But wait, there is still another side to Rhae...

TK Rhae is an energized, crazy fun dude who enjoys getting to know anyone and everyone. As such a social butterfly, TK Rhae makes sure to organize many "social events" throughout the year. He is a hardcore wake boarder, a decent dancer, and an awesome friend. As an overnight host for the Student Admissions Council, a member of the Admissions and Financial Aid Committee, and a co-chair of the Martel Outies Committee, his presence on campus is anything but lacking. Don't let his Speedo-wearing or barking tendencies scare you. As a former swimmer and dog aficionado, this behavior is absolutely normal.

The two sides of Rhae combined truly make him complete, and you should be so pumped to have him as an advisor!



LAUREN ROSENBERG, RHAЕ ADAMS, ANTONIA SEBASTIAN



KENDALL HOLLIS

As a storm-weathered senior, Kendall Hollis knows a thing or two about Rice and Martel. This scurvy ne'er-do-well has meandered his way through the doings and happenings at Rice, from rowing with the Rice Crew team to earning the title of "Willy's Pub All-Star" to proudly serving Martel and planning our festivities as Social Chair last year. On his fourth and final voyage, Kendall will be bartending at Willy's and helping his O-Week crewmates with anything they may need.

Kendall comes from the fine Hill Country town of San Marcos, Texas and is a Mechanical Engineering major. He is a fearless explorer, and he has frequently taken Greyhound Bus rides across the country, accepted rides from strangers, and climbed up or over many things he would not recommend to the untrained freshman. As a river rat by nature, Kendall also considers himself a formidable sea dog and is anxious to set sail this O-Week on the good ship Martel.

HADLEY BURROUGHS  
(LOVETT)

The expert coordinators at Martel this year plucked this lovely flower from her previous career of hustling on the streets of ATL (rep' it) and assigned her to a new title: Best Advisor Eva. If you are lucky enough to have this fine lady as your co-advisor, you're in for a treat. Now, you might be wondering if this bubbly ball of enthusiasm bouncing all over the place is actually a person. Her hippie tendencies do throw people off, but don't be frightened - she just wants to braid your hair. This Lovetteer often sports bright colors and no shoes, rocking out to some jams from her eclectic playlist. Just make sure you hold onto her during O-Week; easily distracted, she might run off to pick you a flower necklace or serenade you with the beautiful sounds of her violin. After O-Week, she will smother you with love and often make the long trek up to North from her cozy toaster to hang out with you even when you don't want her to (but you will want her to, promise!). But don't worry, this crazy redhead is super talented and always fun to kick it with. Willing to try anything new or ethnic, this freckled beauty is sure to make your O-Week unforgettable.



HARRY HAN

Born and raised in The Lone Star State, Harry Han is not exactly a typical Texan. He's more apt to give you blunt advice than hospitality and more likely to explain organic chemistry than his parents' chili recipe. Ask him a question and you're likely to get way more than you bargained for. Quite frankly, Harry knows way too much. He puts it to good use though, helping people with their problems whenever they need him. He can tell you what classes to take, what professors to avoid, who was the random person that just walked past you, which professor is sleeping with which? Get to know him and he'll become one of your closest friends.

(P.S. Sadly, Harry was not born in the Lone Star State, but rather born and raised just north of the Big Apple. He moved to the Lone Star State in 2001. However, he hates living in Texas and would greatly prefer cold, snowy Boston than humid Houston any day. Yet, he is willing to endure it because he loves Rice.)



HADLEY BURROUGHS, HARRY HAN, KENDALL HOLLIS

# THE BOOTY SNATCHERS



EMMA CAMPBELL

Emma likes to make it clear that she functions at a much higher level than her old roommates. When she's not too busy judging, she enjoys tennis, sitting by herself in the pitch dark, coloring in her High School Musical coloring book, and working on her creeper skills. Emma is probably going to refer to you as "my freshman," or maybe "freshman #2" for the duration of O-Week. She doesn't do names. But, don't get too offended, she really loves you! Be really nice to Emma around her birthday and you'll get to eat all the cake her brother buys for her, as she hates cake but he can't seem to remember this important fact. She seems to be the only person who aces all her engineering classes, but you can't resent her for this because she deserves every grade of 110% that she gets. She hails from St. Louis, Missouri, which she is proud to say is the most dangerous city in the country (actually Detroit is now, but don't mention this to her). In St. Louis Emma wears fanny packs with pride, which she claims is a really cool thing to do there. She probably won't wear it during O-Week because she always selects her clothes very carefully since she is afraid of looking trashy. This is not a justified fear, as she usually looks like she'd fit right in at a Southern garden party. As an extension of this classy style, she is incredibly good at saying uncomfortable things diplomatically, specifically whenever a "just friends" course of action is called for. So if you ever need to have a tough conversation with your friends or roommates, you should head straight to her for some guidance. Bottom line: Emma is going to be the best adviser ever and you're lucky to have her!



SAMUEL WU  
(HANSZEN)

Samuel Wu...who is he? To be honest, he is in a class of his own: the strong, silent, yet sensitive type. Without any further ado, here are the facts: height – 5' 11", weight – 165lbs, age – 19, eye color – brown, hair – black, nationality – Taiwanese and Canadian! But who IS he? He loves to play basketball, he joined his first ever musical/play last year where he played the part of Anxious with red suspenders in Wiess' production of West Side Story, he salsas the heck out of the dance floor with whoever wants to salsa, and he seeks to be a part time model (pipe dream much?). Anyway, Samuel's motto to life is "You shouldn't take life too seriously. You'll never get out alive." – Van Wilder. As such, you can describe him as child-like, but not childish. If you're in for a good time or need some support, call him up – he'll be ready...ish.



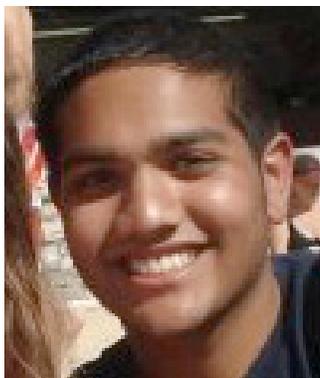
TORREY LUTTRELL

The life of Torrey Micah Luttrell can only be described as a paradox. For example, her petite 4'11" stature gives off the impression of a girl that is sweet, innocent, and fragile... but don't be fooled. Whenever you see or play with her on the soccer field, whether that's in the Martel Quad on a nice, beautiful day or in the rain playing mud soccer, or playing for Rice's Women's Club Soccer dominating other universities all over the south, or simply demolishing all of the college teams in Martel's "Team Robot Ninja Laser Team" Women's IM Soccer, she is a force to be reckoned with. Despite her intensity and her competitiveness in soccer or board games (trust me, you want her on your team in Catch-Phrase), she is also incredibly chill, and when I say that, she does more than just lounge with a book, she can also be seen knitting or crocheting scarves and beanies (you should get her to make you something for the brisk winter season)! Though the confusion and complexity that is Torrey may seem intimidating, she is an amazingly sweet and caring person that (even though she has trouble with names and dates) will always be there for her freshmen!



SAMUEL WU, EMMA CAMPBELL, TORREY LUTTRELL

# THE SCALLYWAGS



SHALIN PATEL

Though his official name is Shalin Patel, most know him by his nickname of “Curry-ous George.” Born in Minnesota but raised in Sugar Land, TX, he is a dedicated pre-med Rice/Baylor student who is majoring in Biological Sciences.

Well known for his hermit-like tendencies and inexhaustible work ethic, Shalin makes up for his crippling allergy to leisure time with his awesome friends and roommates.

“If I weren’t always studying, I would spend my time singing the praises of my dashing handsome and ridiculously awesome roommates.” – Shalin Patel

On the off chance that you find Shalin away from his textbooks, he’ll be...well, nobody really knows what he does when he’s not working. So we asked him, and this was his response:

“Tennis. Friends. Awesome roommates. Dancing the Macarena. Can’t talk now. No time. Must study.” – Shalin Patel



NATE ROY  
(LOVETT)

Nate Roy is a mixture of punk, jock, and nerd. You can catch him listening to Blink-182 albums, playing flag football for Lovett, or locked in a library on a Friday night. Something else to know is that HE IS CRAZY! This dude is constantly off the walls, ready to go out and do anything, whether it be capture the flag on the fourth floor of the library, pulling pranks on people at 4am, or just coming up to you and biting you randomly at a party. Yes, he does bite. A lot.

Nate also tries (and fails miserably) to be the essence of suave. He cannot dance, so he just keeps jumping up and down at parties. It works, but he looks ridiculous. On the weekends, you can catch him getting hit in the face with balls... paintballs. He is the captain of the Rice paintball team. Nate dresses like a typical skater boy, so you can find him wearing cargo shorts, a Volcom hat, long brown hair, flip-flops, and either a tight t-shirt or American Eagle polo. He is a smart-ass at times, so beware, but on a whole, he’s a good guy. You will definitely have a blast with this Oklahoma native.



MARIELLE  
SCHWEICKART

Marielle Schweickart has three true loves: skinny vanilla lattes, dry erase markers, and Seattle. A laid-back west coast girl, Marielle can be found playing soccer, running half-marathons, painting rooms, and being a Violent Femme (GRRR, bitch). Bringing her passions with her to Rice, she has greatly influenced the Martel College family over the past year. She is the Rice Student Volunteer Program college representative and keeps Martel in the loop for service opportunities; she is a co-representative for the Rice Program Council and lets Martel know there is life beyond the hedges; she is an avid fan of Parliament meetings, the EC, and straw polls and loves when the bill of fare includes tortillas and queso from the hallowed Taco Cabana.

With her major undeclared, but an interest in political science, history and pursuing a pre-med course track, Marielle is a font of knowledge for any inquisitive freshman wondering why Rice students support Gao in 2016. As your advisor, Marielle will follow the Martel legacy of helping you find your bliss. She is truly engaged in the Rice culture, and is constantly looking for new avenues through which she can pursue her love for all things Owl.

Marielle encourages you to connect with your inner Martelian over the summer: eat Greek food, play cornhole (contact her for more details), sit on a sundeck, and visit a sallyport. Before you know it, you and Marielle will be frolicking through the Martel quad, holding hands and singing songs in the sunshine. Just kidding about holding hands and singing (unless you want to) but frolicking is guaranteed.



NATE ROY, MARIELLE SCHWEICKART, SHALIN PATEL

# WALK THE PLANK



EMILY LARIMER

Emily Larimer hails from Half Moon Bay, California in the beautiful Bay Area. This NorCal beauty is a Biochemistry major (who is not premed!) who has devoted her time at Rice to Martel activities, becoming an EMT basic, and the Martel Beer Bike Team. Her interests include the NY times, California, coffee breaks, riding bikes, ugg boots, instant risotto, Cell Biology, butchering Spanish, South Asian civilizations (Seriously.), and of course MARTEL FRESHMEN! Some know Em as the curve-slayer from BIOS 201, while others know the other, the real Emily: the girl who stole plastic lawn decorations from Lovett's Public Party. Emily is your go-to person for everything-- cough drops, crazy salad ideas, letter-shaped cakes, meditation strategies, and of course, words you've never heard of. Oh yeah, you may want to become fluent in NorCal-talk, because this girl is hella not afraid to pull out hella words of questionable legitimacy. But in all seriousness: although goofy at times, she is truly one of the most generous, warm-hearted, and sincere people you will ever encounter, and she is guaranteed to be your friend, unofficial parent, hippie doctor, big sister, therapist, shoulder, late-night study buddy or crazy dance partner, soup chef, and whatever else for the rest of the year.



DAVID YOUNGER  
(JONES)

At first glance, David Younger is a 5'10" Caucasian male with blue eyes and brown hair that wears white shirts almost exclusively. Thankfully, appearances are rather deceiving, and this hyper-intelligent Bioengineer that hails from Seattle, WA is ridiculous on a number of levels. David is nice to almost everybody and unnervingly enthusiastic about too many things (ask him about dried white peaches, they are his favorite). While not busy leading a small army of volunteer groups or having every adult fall in love with his ultra-responsible personality and insane work ethic, he manages to be the dependable voice of reason for those lucky enough to be his friends. Quick list of favorites: The Office, Lost, "vegetarian" and "ethnic" food, trail mix from Costco (don't pick out the M&M's though or else you might ruin the "perfect combination"), unsweetened chocolate, Seattle, the Hobbit Café, and his roommate's impression of him. In short, Lady Luck must have been on your side for you to have David as an advisor. He is filled with Jones's JIBA spirit but he is super excited to be advising next door at Martel! Friendly word of advice: for the sake of your ego, don't bother challenging him to anything that remotely resembles a racket sport or parlor game.



MIRIAM VIEYRA

Miriam is a major cool Archi. She is pretty much always ready to do anything. She loves singing, dancing, (unfortunately she's not the best at either, but she tries), the beach, and sunny weather. She has the whole college thing down by now, since she transferred from Bryn Mawr, and for THIS reason she knows better than anyone how to appreciate all of the excellence that we have here, because she LEFT another college to go HERE! Bam! If you ever want to start a conversation with her, you can pretty mention anything (especially Britney Spears) and she'll have some hilarious ridiculous comment to add. She has the ability to say completely ridiculous things all the time. Miriam is fun, and she has fun, and you will also have fun if Miriam is there.



EMILY LARIMER, MIRIAM VIEYRA, DAVID YOUNGER

## An RSS feed on Kristin Anderson:



KRISTIN ANDERSON

Kristin perceives the world in terms of puppies. If she offers you a nylon “necklace” with a tag on it that says anything like “Fluffy,” “Raspberry,” or “Mr. Kristin,” do not accept it.

I once tried to punch her in the face, but she opened her mouth before I made contact and bit my fingers off. She then scared herself when she had realized what happened and spat them out... all except for one, which she kept for herself.

During her time abroad in Hong Kong, Kristin became an adventure racing champion. Newspaper reports describe her beating up people and throwing them off mountains along the way. One wild tiger was found trampled to death in a stream, extra large shoe prints in its face. Unfortunately it was the last of its kind... we can only speculate how it met such a horrible fate.

Kristin types with her thumbs.

Kristin genuinely loves people. She is very quick to accept people, regardless of how weird they may be or what unattractive baggage they carry. Enjoy your time with her; watch her closely and learn from her example. But most importantly, make sure to always wear hockey pads when around her... especially when she starts getting excited.

SAMANTHA THOMPSON  
(BROWN)

Congratulations on receiving THE Sam Thompson as your co-advisor at Martel. This locally grown Brown Junior comes with many of the latest amenities that will prove to be an incredible benefit to the beginning of your Rice career and on. Worried about classes? Don't be. Sam will seize your general announcements, ask about your interests and have your 4 years at Rice planned out with highlighting and color coding in under 20 minutes. This model is hardly all work and no play. Sam will be able to give you the details on almost every television show known to man and still have time to listen to your troubles (That's what commercial breaks are for, right?). Sam might strike you as a totally chill, low-key advisor at first glance but don't be fooled. Be ready for a week full of random bursts of insanity and endless funny quips. Don't worry about the end of O-Week ending your time with Sam. This advisor comes in the portable size, standing at 5'1", and is easily brought to all kinds of parties and late night functions. You'll wonder how you ever lived without one before.



TOMMY NGUYEN

If it's late at night and you hear the magic sounds of Taylor Swift wafting over Martel's quad, brace yourself, you might be in for an encounter with Tommy Nguyen. He's spotted playing his relaxing tunes anyplace at anytime. But make sure you take the time to get to know this crazy, Martel-loving, Economics and Political Science major. He's one of the kindest kids you'll ever meet. Plus, he loves to eat and is from Houston so he knows all the greatest places around campus. Feeling like breakfast food?—he'll tell you which Waffle House locations are the best as well as the shift times of all his favorite fry cooks. He can't wait to get his hands on you!



SAMANTHA THOMPSON, TOMMY NGUYEN, KRISTIN ANDERSON

## PEER ACADEMIC ADVISORS

Peer Academic Advisors are trained student advisors who volunteer their time to provide advice to students in their respective residential colleges. They offer accurate advice regarding academic rules, regulations, and procedures and know to ask an expert when they are not certain of an answer. They often have greater insight into specific courses, and they have been trained to offer advice in a constructive, meaningful way that will be well-received by their peers. They significantly increase advising availability and accessibility for new and returning students at regular and extended hours throughout the year. Students are encouraged to consult with peer academic advisors as often as necessary to gather a unique student perspective.



This year, Martel College will have three peer academic advisors during O-Week:

### KARA CALHOUN



(To be read with an Australian accent) The Kara Calhoun is one of nature's most extraordinary creatures. Native to Tyler, TX, the Kara can hibernate for up to 15 hours a day! Encounters with this elusive lil' beaut can be extremely profitable as Karas are natural schedule-planners. Spotting a Kara can be difficult unless you know what to look for. Keep an eye out for the tell-tale Rainbow® flip-flop footprints and anything lime-green and purple. The call of the Kara is also quite distinct. Listen carefully for any tacky TV ad jingles (Go Randle! Go! Go! Go Randle!). Once spotted, luring the Kara out into the open can be as simple as turning on an episode of "I Love New York" and putting out a plate of Chick-Fil-A. Just make sure there are no condiments in sight (Karas have an extreme aversion to anything saucy). The Karas highly evolved brain is able to comprehend all of those confusing graduation requirements so when the opportunity arises, act quickly! Ask her any questions you might have. Then you can sit back, relax, and trust in the fact that your four-year plan is in capable hands.

## MARAM SALAHELDIN



The position of PAA is no joke, and luckily for you, Maram Salaheldin is well equipped for the job. Yes indeed, this is one special lady. First of all, she has lived in some pretty cool places; Egypt, Turkey, Bahrain, and Martel, just to name a few! But fear not! Even with all of her worldliness, Maram has really learned her way around here. She can throw on some boots and line dance with the best of 'em, and she can even translate twang! And perhaps more importantly, she knows what's up at Rice. She has nobly served as Martel's Chief Justice for the last year, and after working as a Rice Student Ambassador, giving tours to prospective students and foreign dignitaries alike, she pretty much knows all the ins and outs of the university. And if you ever need a little extra help with your homework, Maram can totally hook you up, as her tutoring skills are widely known and praised. Put simply, this girl is the coolest. So even if you don't have any specific academic inquiries for her you should still say hi. Trust me, you won't be disappointed!

## BO SHI



Bo grew up in an orphanage in Britain after his mother died giving birth to him. He was always a withdrawn, loner child growing up and he sometimes lashed out at the other children with strange, magical powers that he found he had. At age 11, a man named Professor Dumbledore took him to a magical school named Hogwarts to train his powers. He eventually graduated from the school and rose to immense power as a dark wizard and changed his name to Lord Bo-demort. He almost died trying to kill a boy named Harry Potter, but resurrected himself and gathered an army that took over all of Europe. Harry Potter and Dumbledore tried to defeat him but he laid down his pimp hand and they both died instantly. Bo-demort then ruled the world for some time as an evil dictator, crushing hope and inspiring terror, but he did manage to pass some beneficial laws including one, banning Dane Cook comedies and another, imprisoning Paris Hilton for crimes against humanity. Eventually, President LeBron approached Lord Bo-demort asking if he'd consider stepping down and becoming a PAA at Rice University. Unable to pass up such an opportunity, Bo-demort agreed and changed his name back to Bo, forgot the dark arts, and educated himself instead on Rice University graduation requirement and pass/fail options for various classes. Come see him with any academic questions that you have and he'll be sure to give you sound advice as well as regale you with tales about persecuting muggles.

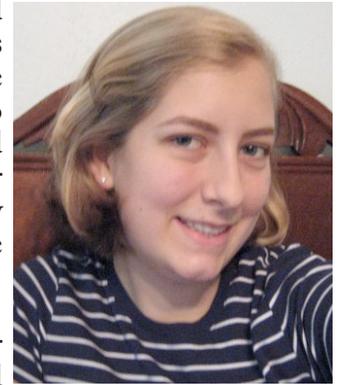
# DIVERSITY FACILITATORS



SHAO-BO LI

Working with the Office of Multicultural Affairs, Diversity Facilitators Emily Noel (Baker '11) and Shao-Bo Li (Sid '11) will help introduce new students at Rice to issues of diversity, racism, sexism, homophobia, and intolerance via "Diversity Workshops." They are both devoted to beginning conversations about the race, class, gender, and religious differences that exist among Rice students. Their goal is to demonstrate that, while differences exist, they do not need to be points of division, nor should they be platforms for superiority.

Emily is involved in Agape Christian Ministries and Baker College's cabinet. She also likes talking to her plants and baking. Shao-Bo is a member of the Rice Salseros and the Rice ACLU Chapter. He can be spotted on campus using his skateboard to get to class or to carry four full plates of food during meals.



EMILY NOEL

## PHOTOGRAPHER

Caitlin Porter is not human. In fact, she was artificially conceived along with 10,000 others in a freak factory, but she out-weirded the rest of them and was thrown away like garbage to her current planet, Earth. If you can't tell she's an alien, that's because she murdered the girl whose skin she is currently donning. Look closer, though, and you'll see subtle yet telltale signs that she's a foreigner: abnormally huge, alien-green eyes, hair that curls the wrong way, and a strange affinity for banana-shaped objects. This girl, erm, thing, isn't someone I would want to live with or hang out with at all. She smells of radioactive ooze and dances like a pirate and is allergic to milk (only two of those things are true). But anyways, she takes decent pictures, and she's pretty nice, I think.



CAITLIN PORTER

## VIDEOGRAPHER



DUFFY ELMER

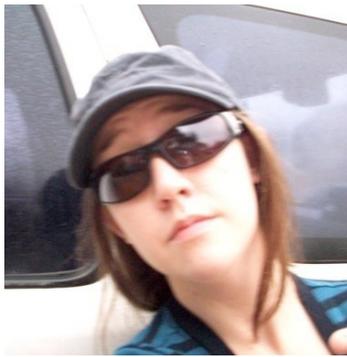
Ahoy! I'm Duffy and I'll be takin' the video fer yer Yo-Ho-Ho-Week. Born in Boston, raised in San Antonio, I'm a more nontraditional land/electronic pirate - my hundreds of Gigs of digital booty can tell you that! I also run the Martel DVD Library and the weekly movie screenings. I'm currently a Bioengineering major, but this could be subject to some changes. I also like long walks on the beach, piña coladas, and getting caught in the rain. My most favorite part of my face is my smile. My least favorite is my nose. I dig XKCD and reddit, but would like to think that I get outside more than that. I'll be in 324 this year, feel free to stop by anytime!



STEVEN LOH

The Student Maintenance Representative (SMR) is in charge of helping YOU! The SMR has the tools (and strength) to loft or deloft your bed and get your room set up just the way you want. He is always able to help with general maintenance issues like changing light bulbs, but he is also the go-to man for larger maintenance problems like leaks, holes, and unwanted pests, not that any of that should be a problem in the fabulous, five-star Martel College. He will be around during O-Week to help get your room set up, and he'll be on campus for your convenience throughout the year. Perhaps most importantly, if you lock yourself out of your room at 4 AM, come find this guy and he'll let you in. So whether you forget your keys or want to do some feng shui, Stephen Loh is the man for the job. If you need help, come Room 421 or email him at famicondm@rice.edu Use him and abuse him, but please be polite.

## ASSISTANTS



JORDAN SCHERMERHORN

Recklessly competitive and perhaps excessively sarcastic, Jordan is skilled at a variety of activities that make her indispensable to any sausage fest - from poker to Halo to lending her male friends her old Victoria's Secret swimsuit catalogues, she can hang with the boys while somehow avoiding accusations of being one. With roots in San Antonio, she is Very Texan™ and there are few better people to ask for advice if you're planning an in-state road trip. Don't worry about her last name; she appreciates creative alternatives (Spanglehorn, Shroomerho). As a bioengineering major with hopeless pipe dreams of doubling in political science, her sleep habits have led her friends and suitemates to suspect that she supplements her coffee with crack, though when it comes down to it she only gets high from the potent combination of science and late-night Mexican food. When procrastinating on homework, she enjoys running very slowly and trying to make high-scoring swear words in online scrabble.

50 percent Pakistani. 50 percent Chinese. 100 percent Texan. Wait a minute, you say. How is that even possible? Yes, it's true, ladies and gentlemen: Selim Sheikh is 200 percent awesome.

Born and raised in Houston, Texas, Selim is a Martel College junior majoring in biological sciences and religious studies. When he's not doing research, volunteering, serving as the Student Association's internal vice president, travelling the world or just saving it, Selim enjoys running, playing basketball, making art, being 2-Pakistani, being ridiculously well-rounded and hanging out with his 9384573495345 friends. Seriously, he knows everyone, but lucky for you, he'll also introduce you to people you'd never otherwise have met.

You can always count on him to have a spontaneous rave party, blasting Basshunter, go on a late-night food run with you, or speak your language - he's fluent in English, Mandarin and Pirate and has studied Latin, French, Arabic and Turkish. I'm a linguist and he still knows more languages than me! In addition, his passion for Martel College is unmatched. On more than one occasion, Selim has painted himself and donned a cape for the Spartan glory of Martel - he'll be bringing that same intensity for Yo-Ho-Ho Week, so prepare yourselves, scallywags!



SELIM SHEIKH



RICE



# HISTORY OF RICE

Wealth, power, intrigue, suspicious characters, a murder mystery. Sounds more like a made-for-TV movie than the origins of one of the top universities in the nation.

Truly, though, the beginning of Rice University is peppered with these elements, and since you will now be attending the school, what better time to learn a little about the university and its namesake, William Marsh Rice?

Rice was an import/export merchant from Massachusetts who came to Houston in 1839 and began to amass a considerable fortune in the developing city. He was already one of the richest men in Texas once the Civil War broke out. During the war, he managed his business ventures from Mexico, trading with both the North and the South, and returned to the North after the war ended. Although Rice maintained his business ties during frequent visits to Houston, he lived the remainder of his life in New Jersey and New York.

When Rice began to think of leaving some of his fortune to posterity, he intended to found an orphan's home on his New Jersey estate. Representatives of the city of Houston asked Rice to donate a building for the first public high school they were currently building, since Rice made his money in Houston. Rice considered the idea, rejected it, but later decided to establish an institute of higher learning. In 1891, Rice gathered six trustees and established a charter for the founding of the William Marsh Rice Institute of the Advancement of Literature, Science, and Art. Nothing else was to be done until after Rice's death, which occurred rather suddenly in September 1900.

Rice died in his sleep September 23, 1900 in his Madison Avenue apartment. The next day, an observant bank clerk noticed that a large check bearing Rice's name was made out to a lawyer, but the lawyer's name, Albert T. Patrick, was misspelled. Sensing that something was wrong, the bank officials telegraphed Captain James A. Baker, Rice's trusted attorney, to help unravel the conspiracy.

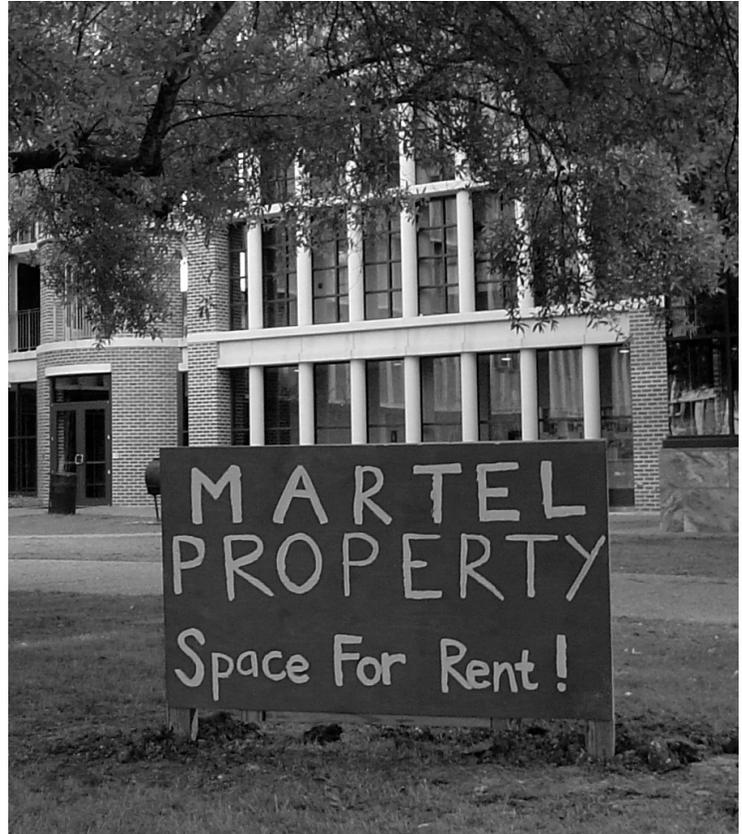
Patrick stated that Rice had drawn up a new will on June 30 and had named Patrick as legatee, with a subsequent assignment as sole beneficiary just two days before Rice's death, leaving nothing to the institute.

Eventually, Charles Jones, Rice's valet, admitted that he and Patrick had practiced signing Rice's signature, forged a new will and had chloroformed Rice to death after a steady diet of mercury pills had failed to kill the aging millionaire. Patrick had inadvertently misspelled his own first name on the face of the check. Because Jones provided state's evidence, he was never imprisoned, but Patrick was convicted and served until 1912, the date of the opening of the institute, when the governor of New York pardoned him.

Thus, the trustees began building the university with an initial endowment of \$4.6 million, and by the time the first class had matriculated, the endowment had grown to \$10 million. The Institute's first president, Edgar Odell Lovett, gathered together an international faculty and guided the university until 1946. Willy's Statue was dedicated in 1930 and does in fact contain Rice's ashes. In 1960, the Rice Institute changed its name to Rice University to reflect the broader nature of its curriculum. In the same year, Rice began charging tuition to meet the rising costs of education that the endowment could not cover.

Now the endowment stands at a little over \$4 billion and tuition has gone up, but the legacy of Rice's vision of an "institute of higher learning" continues.

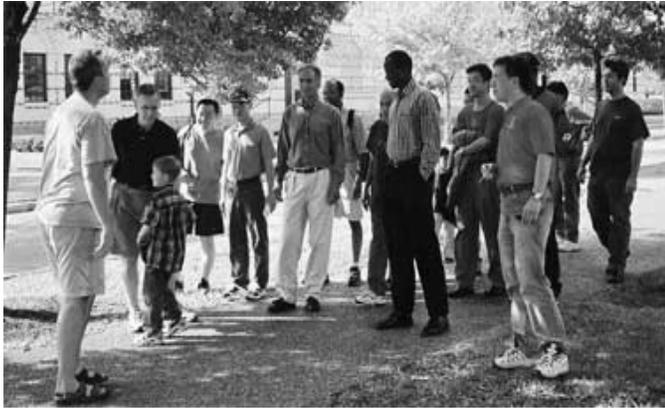
The college system is definitely one of the high points of the Rice experience. It has been an institution at Rice since its inception in 1957, and it continues to grow stronger every year as every college continues to create new stories, traditions, and memories. Currently there are nine colleges in operation on campus, with two more slated to open in the Fall of 2009. Each one is filled with a cross-section of the student body that is selected at random from the pool of incoming students. Hence, you won't find all the physics majors at one college or all the athletes in another one – we like to mix it up and have some of everything everywhere. Once you are assigned to a college, you are a member of that same college for your entire time here at Rice, even if you choose to live off campus. Even after you graduate, you are still a full member of your home college, and the college throws special alumni events just for you!



The college system was installed at Rice over 50 years ago, inspired by similar systems at Oxford and Cambridge Universities in England. At its inception, there were four colleges – Baker, Will Rice, Hanszen, and Wiess – which were simply the old dorms for pre-college system Rice. Not long afterwards, a new women's college named Jones was built on the north side of campus, soon after joined by a second women's college, Brown. All of the colleges went co-ed not long after. In 1969, the concrete toaster-like monstrosity known as Lovett College was built near the original south colleges, and the Sid Richardson tower of terror followed two years later. After that, things were quiet on the college construction scene for several decades. Then, in 2002, the heavens opened up and Martel College descended to campus in order to share its general awesomeness with the older, lamer colleges. This fall, Rice University will be welcoming two new colleges, McMurtry and Duncan, which will be located to the direct south and west of Martel, respectively. We look forward to their arrival and teaching them how to be the second and third-greatest colleges ever, because Martel will forever and always be the Greatest College Ever. (I'll even prove it – go to Google, type in "Greatest College Ever", and hit "I'm Feeling Lucky!")

Every college has its own spirit, traditions, quirks, and strengths. They also have college masters, resident associates, and community associates who help make the college work and get involved in many of the different activities the colleges put on. You'll see college spirit really come alive first during O-Week, when all of our new students are introduced to their home for the first time and welcomed in. It comes back into full swing during Willy Week, when large-scale pranks known as "jacks" abound between the colleges. In between, colleges cheer their members on in athletics, theater productions, and all sorts of other activities.

Your college is more than just a place for you to keep your stuff while you go out and study. It's an entire community, a family that is here to make your time at Rice the best it can be. Enjoy it, take it all in – you're in for good times!



Probably most of you visited Rice and took the campus tour before you enrolled here. You may have vague memories of a student in a gray polo walking backwards and throwing Rice facts at you like a pitching machine. My guess is that your memory is probably a bit hazy. Don't worry, though. With a little simulated tour and some exploring of your own, you'll be the ones giving directions in no time.

The Sallyport is without a doubt one of Rice's more recognizable features. It is the large arch of Lovett

Hall where most of you probably started your tour. During Matriculation, an event during O-week, all the incoming students parade through the Sallyport, and enter the Academic Quad. This is to symbolize leaving the outside world and entering the world of academia. At graduation, students file out of the Academic Quad and through the Sallyport, signifying their departure from Rice. Beware however, as Rice superstition holds that a student who passes through the Sallyport before graduating will never graduate.

Standing in the Sallyport and facing the Academic Quad, you will see five buildings. The one closest to you on your left is Sewell Hall, home to the art and psychology departments, and built to be a mirror image of the building directly across from it, Herzstein Hall, home of the physics and astronomy departments and the building closest to you on your right. At the center of the Academic Quad, you will find the statue of our founder, William Marsh Rice, and affectionately known as Willy. To the left of Willy's statue is Rayzor Hall, the language building, and on the right is Anderson Hall, home of Rice's prestigious architecture department. Past Rayzor on the left is the Huma Building, home to Rice's philosophy and religious studies departments. The building directly ahead of you now is Fondren Library which has separate libraries for art, architecture, and music. Behind Fondren is what appears to be a large aquarium for humans. This is Brochstein Pavilion. Behind Brochstein is Herring Hall, the Baker Institute of Public Policy, and Jones Graduate School of Management.

Going back on the inner loop past Martel, you'll see RMC, our student center, Keck, our biology building, the Space Science Building, the Geo labs, and the Anderson Bio labs.

Another important area is the engineering quad which contains 45°, 90°, and 180°, our tribute to geometry. Around this area are other buildings like Mudd lab, which is a great, quiet place to do computer work, the Cox/Mech building, Ryon lab with its own busting lab, and Campanile, the large tower-like smoke stack. Right across from Mudd is Herman Brown, our math building, and on the right is Hamman Hall, where the Rice Players perform a variety of plays and shows.

If you get lost on campus, don't hesitate to ask a student for directions. Rice students are more than willing to help, and most of them don't bite.

<http://www.rice.edu/maps>



# BAKER COLLEGE

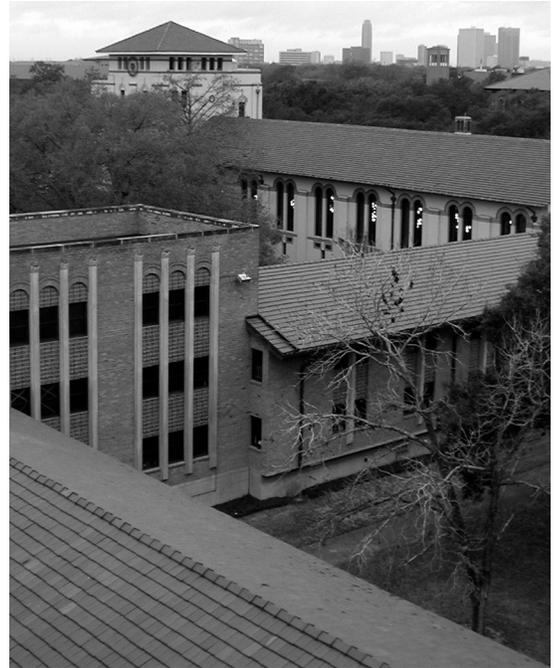
by Lauren Rosenberg, Baker '11

Baker is the oldest residential college at Rice, therefore the most tradition rich, the “college from Hell,” and by far the classiest of all the colleges. Us Bakerites reflect this general attitude of awesomeness with our cheer “BAKER! HELL YEAH!” which you will hear over and over again at IM games and Beer Bike.

Some of the most popular traditions out of Baker are Bakershake (Shakespearian plays that Baker puts on every year) and Baker Blues (a party complete with a live jazz band, cigars and bourbon). Also, if you have been dying for an excuse to run around in nothing but shaving cream twice a month then Baker 13 is just for you (it’s open to everyone at Rice)!

We also have a gorgeous “Harry Potter-esque” commons with vaulted ceilings. All tour guides stop here to flaunt the glory of Rice.

As a part of the new construction plans, Baker will be under renovations next year and the Baker family will be living at Duncan, right next door to Martel. So don’t be shy neighbors! Come on over to Baker, we are awesome.



# BROWN COLLEGE

by Jonathan Lo & Samantha Thompson, Brown '10 & '11

The thing about Brown is...well, we’re INTENSE! Your glorious sister college on the north side can often be found blasting music on Fridays, playing volleyball in our Quad, and having never-ending outdoor tailgates. Brown takes everything to the nth degree. Although we started out as an all-women’s college, we were the last college to become co-ed in 1987. We are now home to over 300 students. Brown hosts two of the public parties on campus: Margaritaville in the fall and Bacchanalia in the spring. Brown consistently kicks butt in college sports and of course, BEER BIKE!!! There is a very good reason why you can’t spell “Brown” without “own.” Also, our theater is Rice-renowned for putting on fantastic shows such as A Midsummer Night’s Dream and Jesus Christ Superstar. Besides all of our accolades and awards, Brown really is a family, much like Martel. So come over and visit your friendly northern neighbor - it’s just a short trip through the servery. Brown is sweet, and we’re nice people.



MARTEL COLLEGE



YO-HO-HO-WEEK

# DUNCAN COLLEGE

by Shea Kearney, Megan McSpedon, & Claire Shorall



Duncan College welcomes its first freshman class in this '09-'10 school year. So what should you know about this new college on the block? For starters, Duncan will be awesome! The most environmentally friendly building on campus, Duncan College is the first gold-level LEED building at Rice, a certification that reflects a commitment to the highest standards of conservation and sustainability. This makes perfect sense, as the title donors for the college, Charles and Anne Duncan, served as the U.S. secretary of energy (1979-81) and as a board member for the Nature Conservancy of Texas, respectively. Duncan will be sharing its shiny new digs with its sister

college, Baker. Along with Bakerites, the Duncan freshmen will benefit from living with a group of ambassadors from eight of the previously established colleges. Ambassadors are upperclassmen who will help the freshmen learn about life in a residential college and experience the diversity of experiences available on campus. Make sure to come over to welcome your new northern neighbors and visit your favorite Duncaroos (thanks for putting up with the construction, friends). Perhaps you'll want to chill out on Duncan's rooftop sun deck? Many things about Duncan are still unknown, but one thing that is for sure is this new kid on the block is sure to be a hit!

# HANSZEN COLLEGE

by Hanszenites Eileen Ong, Samuel Wu and Anyssa Tovar

Probably the first thing that anyone will bring up when you speak of Hanszen College is that it's the "Family College." Like all families, there are the nosy sisters, laid-back big brothers, hot mamacitas, and nerdy little brothers. But that's a good thing, because Hanszen has a place for everyone and we support each other unconditionally...well, maybe conditionally.

Hanszen is a part of the South Colleges, and was one of the original five residential colleges here at Rice. It took on the name, "Gentleman's College," since its members, then all-male, were required to wear neckties to dinner. This tradition has stopped due to one member wearing ONLY a necktie to dinner. Hanszen is comprised of two sections, Old and New. Old section reaches 5 levels, including a sundeck and a common area to study, dubbed the Weenie Loft. New section is made up of suites with 2 doubles attached to a bathroom, which is shared by another suite.

Feel free to visit us anytime! Whether at Hanszen's Mardi Gras Party or a random Thursday looking to procrastinate, your favorite Hanszenites can be found a short walk away.



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# JONES COLLEGE

by David Younger, Jones '11

Jones College is named after Mary Gibbs Jones, the wife of a successful politician and entrepreneur, and began its legacy as a female only college. There are many rumors about Jones College. Some say that Jonesians take themselves too seriously. Others insist that Jones is superior to all other colleges in terms of athleticism, spirit, and academic success. Many others still will insist that Jones is simply the best place to live. While all of the above statements are true, please don't let Jones' greatness intimidate you. Jonesians are also the friendliest members of the Rice community, and would love to get to know their neighbors. So stop by, get to know them. Just watch out when Willy Week rolls around [refer to Beer Bike]...



MARTEL COLLEGE



YO-HO-HO-WEEK

While the prison-like grating may give Lovett a cold, dark appearance, the people within give it a warm, gooey filling. The pitiful living conditions have driven us together, allowing us to form VERY deep bonds with each other. Martel and Lovett unofficially joined forces in the last couple of years and maintain a great relationship. While Lovett may seem intimidating at the cheer battle (best. part. of. O-week.) with its “overly-vulgar” cheer, when it comes down to it, all Lovetteers are just fluffy teddy bears. We don’t cuddle though- don’t try. There are three Lovett co-advisors at Martel this year and we are super awesome. We came to Martel for the sole reason of making friends on the other side of campus, so with this in mind, please be our friends! Let’s continue to build this Martel-Lovett alliance, and let’s have a great O-week!



## MCMURTRY COLLEGE

by Aaron Varnell, Julia Botev, and Kelsey Zotnick



McMurtry is the Chuck Norris of the residential college system. Some might call it...the wild card. The tenth residential college of Rice University, which opens its doors to its first freshmen class this fall, has already earned a rogue reputation for jacking every single residential college on campus before anyone could jack them back. McMurry’s sheer ownage skills also extend to its magical power to claim anything as its own by putting the letters “Mc” in front of the Mcname. Though

at various times associated with the battlefield strength of its Scottish ancestry, the charismatic energy of its famous “golden arches” cousin, and the roaming spirit of its Mongolian predecessors, McMurry College is still largely a mystery. This year marks the start of McMurry’s journey to – like a young protagonist on an epic coming-of-age quest – develop its identity as a college, relying on the support and friendships of the rest of the residential colleges as we evolve. So come hang out with us! Cultural exchange is always a good thing. In the meantime, watch out: this nomadic, enigmatic, charismatic college is on the move and on the rise! And look out...we may be right behind you. Psych!

## SID RICHARDSON COLLEGE

by Kendall Hollis, Martel '10

Sid Richardson College was founded in 1971 and named after Texas oil tycoon Sid W. Richardson. Sid Rich joined the university as the 8th residential college, followed only by Martel and the two most recent additions, Duncan and McMurry.

Towering above South Campus, Sid Rich is indeed the tallest building on campus. Though Sidizens boast of fourteen floors to their building, this is simply not true; Sid has seven floors, and each of its six residential floors are split into upper and lower levels a half-step above and below the elevator landing. (Even if you play along and follow their logic, this only adds up to thirteen pseudo-floors!)

Sid is home of some of the best public and private parties on campus, including the throwback “80’s Party” – arguably the best Rice party, period – complete with the AMAZING 1980’s pop cover band Molly and the Ringwalds. Aside from quirks such as tossing things off their balconies, blasting music from the 7th floor that can be heard across campus, and a strange fascination with their elevators (Vator!), you will likely witness another Sid tradition at some inconvenient point during O-Week: the Orc Raid. Use your imagination.

There is a unique college culture here, and it is no accident that Sidizens comprise half the staff at Willy’s Pub. From the basement “Big Room” to the 7th floor balcony, there is always something happening at Sid Rich.



TFW! TFW! Not even incoming Wiessmen and women are told what it stands for until they reach the college. Most figure it out, though – all except the most naive among us. The traditions around Wiess may make it appear to be a cult, as many of the other colleges claim. From their lack of an O-Week theme to the prison like architecture of the college itself, Wiess is definitely one of the quirky sides of Rice. We have the most obnoxious colors ever – goldenrod and black – making us resemble overgrown sunflowers during beer bike. You also can't forget the Ubangee, a frightening tradition involving a pile of Wiessman, a victim, and lots of grunting. Wiess is also known for NOD (Night of Decadence) where campus strips down to its underwear for a giant party that once got recognition in Playboy as being in the top ten college parties. We host Jamfest in the spring when music can be heard from noon in the college commons until the wee hours of the morning. One year we even got Bowling For Soup to headline. So head down to the South for some rowdy fun with all your favorite Wiessmen.



# WILL RICE COLLEGE

by Michelle Kerkstra, WRC '09 and Jessi Scully, WRC '10



Once upon a time (1912) in a land far, far away (the South side of campus), a phoenix rose from the ashes and swooped down upon the campus of Rice University, landing on the spot which is now home to the college of gods and goddesses, Will Rice College. The majestic maroon and gold are worn with pride among these noble ~300. But perhaps you will not see such glorious colors until March when we dominate Beer Bike, as Will Rice is but a blur until our stunning victory lap.

Ok, but really, Will Rice is pretty legit. Even though you may think our housing is a little... pre-dated (that is why we'll be living in McMurtry this year while they reconstruct, right?) and we don't throw public parties, Will Rice is still pretty awesome. Will Rice is rich in spirit and tradition and is well known for our consistent domination of college sports and Beer Bike (FOUR sweeps, baby!). But don't let our incessant cheers of "WILL RICE WILL SWEEP" scare you away – Martel and Will Rice actually have a lot in common! The majority of early Martelians actually began as Will Ricers! In the end, we're all tight-knit, friendly – albeit a little goofy – members of the same family. And really, you couldn't ask for better genes...

Our seventh university president, David W. Leebron, has quite a formidable record behind him. Summa cum laude at Harvard, magna cum laude and president of the Law Review at Harvard Law, faculty member of three different law schools, Dean of Columbia University School of Law... With all that under his belt, you would expect an intimidating persona to match. However, from the moment you first shake his hand, you will realize that he is not as intimidating as one would expect.

President Leebron is extremely approachable, and even holds office hours to chat with students multiple times every semester. If you ever see him strolling through the crowd of a campus-wide event, feel free to strike up a conversation with him. He considers it part of his duty as president to give ear to and address the concerns of students.

Since his arrival at Rice on July 1, 2004, President David Leebron has truly transformed the campus. His 10-point Vision for the Second Century has resulted in increased engagement and connection with our home city of Houston, a substantially-enhanced national reputation for our university, and a conversational outreach to education leaders in Asia and Latin America. However, the most tangible impact of Leebron's Vision, from a student's perspective, has been the \$850 million dollar-construction projects of recent years. Two new colleges will boost our size, a new pavilion provides a new hub for student activity on campus, and a new recreation center presents a much-needed improvement to our fitness facilities.

Leebron is married to Y. Ping Sun and has two children, Daniel and Merissa.

He also starred in "The Princess Bride" (INCONCEIVABLE!)



## DEAN FORMAN

Taken from the Sallyport Magazine



Robin Forman, Rice's Dean of Undergraduates, focuses on both the academic and extra-curricular sides of student life. As a former chair of the Rice Mathematics Department and a currently teaching professor, Dean Forman has a personal interest in the furthering of academics at Rice. His efforts are not solely restricted to studies. Dean Forman is also a former Jones College master, where he was able to have a personal relationship with students and a direct contribution to the residential college system at Rice. With such experience under his belt, Dean Forman understands that college life needs to be a balance of study and play, and one of his greatest goals as Dean of Undergraduates is to maintain the coexistence of the two.

Before coming to Rice, Dean Forman attended the University of Pennsylvania where he received both a bachelor's and master's degree. He then received his PhD at Harvard University. In 1987, Dean Forman came to Rice to teach as an assistant professor of mathematics and has been at our awesome university ever since.

Dean Forman continues to conduct research in the area of combinatorial methods in topology and geometry. This research has not gone unnoticed and has been published in many journals and book chapters. Robin Forman has also given invited addresses on the research previously mentioned to many universities such as Stanford, NYU, and MIT. He continues to teach one class at Rice each semester.

Dean Forman has a wife named Ann Owens, who is a producing director of the Houston Grand Opera. The two have one son named Saul. Dean Forman can be seen around campus at different times of the day, helping to arrange study breaks, furthering new programs such as Passport to Houston, and working to further the lives of undergraduate students at Rice University.

By the time you leave Rice, the statement to your right, the crux of Rice's academic system, will be etched into your mind forever. The Rice Honor System does 2 things: 1) It allows for an environment of trust and respect between faculty and students and 2) ensures the integrity of the Rice degree. Such a system allows for professors to just give out an exam and leave the test-taking students unattended or even take-home exams that are done on your time. This system relies on faculty's trust of students to be honest and to avoid use of academic dishonesty. On pledged assignments (note: pledged, not all. Homework, unless pledged, done in groups is encouraged) in your courses, you will sign the above pledge, which shows your dedication to this policy. Even if you do not write it out, professors will type it on your examinations and you sign the exam, once again committing yourself to the code.

"On my honor, I have neither given nor received any unauthorized aid on this examination."  
Signature, Time.

<http://honor.rice.edu>

The Honor Council is a student group elected to administer and interpret the Honor System. This consists of 3 major areas: enforcement, orientation and improvement. All the rules of the Honor Code, along with procedures involving violations of the Honor Code, are outlined in the Blue Book, Rice's Honor Code Guide. The Blue Book is a valuable resource about the Honor System at Rice. You are responsible for understanding and following all of the Blue Book's Guideline. During O-Week, you will be given a presentation about the Honor System. If things aren't clear, read the guidelines in the Blue Book or ask questions.

## IN A NUTSHELL: Rice Honor System

1. Serves as the foundation of academic work at Rice. It is an essential part to Rice's academic community
2. If you have questions, ASK. It is better to ask than to get caught doing something you "did not know" was against Honor Code.

# U-COURT

by Maram Salaheldin, Martel '10

The Student Judicial Programs of Rice have been referred to in the past as "powerful, but quiet" due to the fact that they possess a significant amount of power and authority, and yet many students don't know a lot about them. The University Court, or U-Court, in is not very well-known to students because there is no Blue Book on its policies, nor is there an exam that new students must pass at the end of O-Week. However, U-Court is probably an organization you want to familiarize yourself with because it is the body that deals with unsafe and inappropriate behavior that occurs in the Rice community.



Breaking any rules that fall under the Code of Student Conduct (I suggest you skim over it at least once: <http://professor.rice.edu/professor/conduct.asp>) will land you in the office of the Assistant Dean of Student Judicial Programs, Don Ostdiek, which may sound like being sent to the principal's office, but trust me, it's a serious matter. Ostdiek then can, at his discretion, choose whether to adjudicate the case himself or refer it to U-Court. Ostdiek has a tendency to prefer sending cases to U-Court because he, like many others, believes that there is a unique qualification that students have for adjudicating other students. The hearing panel consists of the U-Court chair, the U-Court vice chair, and at least six additional justices. If the student whose case is being heard is found guilty, sanctions are imposed, including punishments such as fines, suspension, or even expulsion. For more information about all the details of and procedures followed by U-Court, check the Code of Student Conduct at the above link.

**Myth:** No building on campus, other than Brown College, may be taller than seven stories.

**Fact:** Any building on campus can be taller than seven stories. The story that floats inside the hedges is that the Rice Charter required every building be shorter than seven stories—a myth propagated by south campus residents, as Brown is eight stories tall. Those on the north side tend to believe that the Brown family, when donating the money to pay for the college, specified that it must always be the tallest building on campus.

**Myth:** Students turned around Willy's statue in 1988 to protest a rise in tuition.

**Fact:** Angry protests aren't as much a Rice tradition as the myth that turned this prank into one. In 1988, a group of students built an A-frame with a series of ropes and pulleys that lifted the one-ton statue of founder William Marsh Rice off its base located in the Academic Quadrangle only to return him, unharmed, facing the opposite direction. According to the masterminds behind the operation, the activity was no more than a stunt, done to prove that the 180-degree turn could be accomplished.

**Myth:** The Rice charter requires there to be a tree for every student.

**Fact:** This persistent myth likely originated with a public relations push that sold Rice as a forest-like campus with more trees than students. Today, there is even a tree committee that meets once every 10 years to count all of the trees on campus and compare the number of trees to the number of students. While it is nice to know that some students think our campus is wooded enough to support such a myth, there are not as many trees at Rice—4,000—as there are students—4,600. According to grounds-keeper Ron Smith, the number of trees on campus is fairly stable, but there is potential for growth. "We do plantings through the year," he says, "and we try to protect the trees we have."

**Myth:** Texas state law requires that Rice be registered as an official cemetery because William Marsh Rice is buried underneath his statue in the Academic Quadrangle.

**Fact:** While people are buried on the Rice campus, no Texas law requires Rice to be registered as a cemetery. According to John Boles, the Rice Historian, not many people are honored in this way. "As far as I know," says Boles, "there are three people buried here. William Marsh Rice's ashes are underneath his very own statue, and the Cohens are both buried within the walls of Cohen House." But three burials do not a cemetery make. "Having your founder buried on your campus doesn't make your campus into an official cemetery," adds Boles. No one has yet located the final resting place of the dignity of Club 13 runners. Perhaps they simply dropped it somewhere along the way.

**Myth:** Rice owned the land on which NASA's Johnson Space Center is located.

**Fact:** It's a fantastic myth, perfect for feeding the dreams of any future space scientist. Rice didn't actually own the 1,000-acre plot 22 miles southeast of downtown but simply acted as a temporary intermediary in its transfer. Humble Oil and Refining Company [forerunner to Exxon] gave the property to Rice in 1961 on the condition that the university offer it to the government to draw NASA to Houston. The free land sweetened a package put together by NASA board member and Rice alumnus Representative Albert Thomas '20 and sealed the deal in bringing a manned space flight center to Texas.



# THE RICE FIGHT SONG

Fight for Rice!  
 Rice fight on!  
 Loyal sons arise!  
 The blue and gray, of Rice today,  
 Comes crashing through the skies:  
 Fight! Fight! Fight!  
 Stand and cheer!  
 Victory's near!  
 Sammy leads the way!  
 On we go to crush the foe,  
 Fight for the blue and gray!



## RICE'S HONOR (ALMA MATER)

All for Rice's Honor, we will fight on.  
 We will be fighting when this day is done;  
 And when the dawn comes breaking,  
 We'll be fighting on, RICE, for the gray and blue,  
 We will be loyal, to RICE BE TRUE.

To the tune of "Our Director March"  
 Written by Ben H. Mitchell '24 in 1922



## SAMMY THE OWL



An early symbol of Rice's athletic teams was a large canvas owl, a tempting target for the Institute's rivals. In 1917, when students from Southwest Conference football rival Texas A&M kidnapped the owl, Rice students pooled their resources and hired a private detective to go to College Station to find the missing mascot. When the detective, having recovered the owl, sent a coded telegram to Houston that read "Sammy is fairly well and would like to see his parents at eleven o'clock," the Rice mascot had a name.





# HOUSTON, TX



Houston is the 4th largest city in the United States and a cosmopolitan metropolis. Each year, Passport to Houston creates the wonderful opportunity to experience life on an urban campus and to explore the cultural happenings of Houston.

The first part of the program involves Rice students receiving a Q-Card giving them free rides on all METRO buses and the METROrail. The METROrail provides easy access to some of the best Houston has to offer including exhibits in the Museum District, performances in the Theatre District, sports games and the Rodeo in Reliant Park, and Downtown fun. In addition, your Rice ID gives you great discounts to some of the best sights in Houston. The following is a list of opportunities you can enjoy while living at Rice:



- Museum of Fine Arts, Houston (MFAH): Unlimited access to permanent collections and most exhibitions, discounts on MFAH films and gift shop items
- Houston Museum of Natural Science: Unlimited access to permanent exhibits and the Cockrell Butterfly Center, student discounts for IMAX films and Burke Baker Planetarium, member discounts for special exhibits
- Houston Zoo: Free unlimited access with Rice ID
- Da Camera of Houston (Houston's chamber music society): \$5 tickets to all performances
- Houston Grand Opera: \$10 tickets to all performances
- Main Street Theater: \$5 tickets to all performances
- Ensemble Theatre: \$12 tickets to all performances
- The Health Museum: 50% discount on permanent exhibits, student discount of special exhibits

\*Prices are subject to change

Secondly, the Student Association hooks Rice students up with a HedgeHopper card which gives you 10-25% discounts on food, gifts, and services from select vendors in the Rice Village, a nearby plaza shopping center.

Last but definitely not least, as part of the Passport to Houston program, Rice Night Events are sponsored by Rice University and Passport sponsors. These events include free tickets distributed through the colleges to various performances by Houston Grand Opera, Houston Ballet, the Alley Theatre, and the Houston Symphony and various exhibits at the Museum of Fine Arts and the Museum of Natural Science. Visit [passport.rice.edu](http://passport.rice.edu) for more.



Are you coming to Rice without a car? Never fear! Life without a car is a breeze. All you need to do is land a roommate with a car. Or become good friends with someone who has a car. Or find a significant other with a car. Any of these will give you the luxury of a car without the burden of driving in Houston traffic or paying for gas. Seriously, mooching may be the quickest way to get where you need to go, but there are plenty of other, more respectable ways to get around. Not having a car is just a minor detail – don't let it stop you from exploring the fourth largest city in the country.

## **“I'm so hungry! Where can I go?”**

Rice is in a pretty great area. You've got the museum district right next door, and Rice Village just a block west. If the Domino's pizza just isn't cutting it and you're looking for a quick fix for your hunger pangs, there's Chipotle (huge burritos), a sushi bar, subway, and Starbucks on University, near the South Colleges. For the more refined taste, there are a lot of cultural restaurants in the Village – Thai, Indian, Italian, French, you name it. The Village also has some great shops, but they're a little pricey. Plus, on Friday and Saturday nights there's a shuttle that'll pick you up from the inner loop and drop you off at the Village – amazing!

## **“I'm bored and carless. What is this 'Q-Card' all about?”**

Rice gives you a pretty sweet deal – unlimited access to all public transportation. Admittedly, the Houston public transportation system isn't all that great, but it's improving. The easiest feature to use is the METROrail. There are 2 stops – one right across the street from the main campus entrance for the North Colleges, and one in the Med Center for the South Colleges. The light rail runs up and down Main Street, and it gives you access to Minute Maid Park (Astros), the Toyota Center (Rockets), George R. Brown Convention Center, the Angelika Theater, Jones Hall (Houston Symphony), the Wortham Center (Houston Grand Opera), tons of museums, and a bunch of clubs and restaurants. If you're extra adventurous, you can attempt the bus system. Just beware – some of the buses only come once an hour, so you might be waiting for a while. I've found that it's often quicker to walk than to rely on the bus. If you want to try it, I suggest going on the Metro's website [www.ridemetro.org](http://www.ridemetro.org) and using their Trip Planner to see the approximate times of the buses and how to get from one route to another.

## **“My friends are starting to complain because I ran out of deodorant.”**

Don't use the “I don't have a car” excuse to skimp on personal hygiene. There's a shuttle to Target and Fiesta (grocery store) on the weekends – take advantage of it. Or better, bike to Walgreens in Rice Village.

## **“How do I get to the airport?”**

Getting to the airport may seem like a challenge – but there are options that make it pretty easy. Sometimes Rice will offer a shuttle to Hobby during the holidays, but most of the time, you're on your own. Here are the pros and cons of your choices.

**Shuttle:** If you go to [www.supershuttle.com](http://www.supershuttle.com) a couple of days before your flight, you can book a ride on a shuttle to Hobby or Bush airport. It's \$27 to Bush one way, or a little cheaper if you purchase round trip. You'll have to walk to a nearby hotel for them to pick you up, but there are lots of these close by – it's just a bit of a hassle if you have a lot of luggage. On your way back to Rice, if you ask the driver nicely, he'll take you right back to Rice.

**Taxi:** More convenient for you, but a lot more expensive – \$50 to Bush. If you can share a ride with someone, though, this is a very nice option.

**Bus:** Free! But only if you're not in a hurry. Leave 2-3 hours to get to Bush airport – seriously. Just take the light rail to the Downtown Transit Center stop, then go to the bus stop at the corner of Jefferson and Travis. Take the 102 route bus all the way to the airport, where it'll drop you off at Terminal C.

**Friends:** If you have some nice friends with cars, this is always the best option. Just make sure you thank them profusely, and if they're giving you a hard time, you can try bribing them with ice cream from Amy's.

## The Shopping

### *The Rice Village*

The Village consists of four to five blocks of shops, restaurants, and boutiques that is a popular spot for Rice students due to the proximity. Bordered by two main streets that are very close to Rice – Greenbriar and Kirby – it's a great place to grab some food or dessert (check out the newly opened Chocolate Bar!) as well as window shop (or actually shop) at some local shops that can only be found in Houston! The Village is also has the original location of Lot 8 (owned by the winner of the second season of Project Runway).

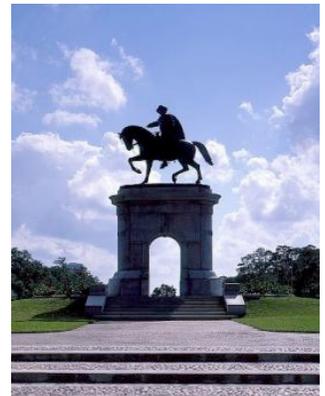


### *The Galleria*

Admittedly, the Village doesn't have that great of variety, and for a more extensive shopping experience, the Galleria is definitely the place to go for high fashion and great food. The Galleria is the largest shopping mall in Houston and takes about 10-15 minutes to get there by car. This mall includes many shops and department stores for all tastes and preferences, as well as a number of restaurants and a large ice skating rink! Though some of the merchandise might be a tad (by that, I mean, a lot) out of a college student's price range, it's not impossible to find a "good deal" if you're a savvy shopper.

## The Outdoors

Though Houston is a huge metropolitan area, there's no excuse to not go outside and enjoy the Houston air! There are plenty of places to go out and just enjoy the weather. For one, Rice's campus is quite lush and has a lot of open green space to play a pickup game of football. Also, our outer loop (which is about 3 miles all together) is a great place to go for a run. But if you want to go further beyond the hedges, Hermann Park is right across the street a few minutes east of campus and is a great spot to hold picnics! A little bit further north (about 15-20 minutes by car) is Memorial Park, a huge park that is great for mountain-biking!



## The Museums & Theaters

As mentioned in the last two pages, Houston is a great place to check out Museums and watch some fantastic theater companies! Right by campus in the Hermann Park and Main St. area, you'll find the Houston Zoo, the Miller Outdoor Theater, the Museum of Fine Arts, the Museum of Natural Science, and the Contemporary Arts Museum of Houston. In addition to these close-by Museums and Theaters, you can drive about an hour outside of Rice to visit the famous NASA Johnson Space Center (1601 NASA Road 1). Downtown Houston is also a central hub for theater, home to the Wortham Theater, Hobby Theater, and the Alley Theater which provide great opportunities to see ballet, opera, symphony, or a variety of plays and musicals.

Movie theaters are also a great place to hang out on the weekend. The Angelika Theater in Downtown Houston is a great place to catch a movie, and you can get there by simply hopping onto the light rail. Also, the Edwards Greenway Plaza is about 5-10 minutes away from campus by car.



## The Sporting Events

If you're interested in catching some professional sporting events, Houston has plenty of great sports teams. You can catch some Hockey and Basketball downtown in the Toyota Center or baseballs at Minute Maid Park. On the other side of town, Reliant Stadium is where football games are played and is also where the Houston Rodeo is held in the Spring.



### *Houston Professional Sports teams:*

Baseball (MLB) – Astros  
 Men's Basketball (NBA) – Rockets  
 Football (NFL)– Texans  
 Women's Basketball (WNBA) - Comets  
 Hockey (AHL) – Aeros  
 Soccer (MLS) – Dynamo



## The Nightlife

Houston also has a thriving bar, club, and dance scene. (Limited to 21 or older in most cases, but on some nights 18 and up are permitted.) If your style is fancy drinks and tapas (Spanish appetizers) or perhaps sitting at a picnic table with an imported beer, the Rice Village is a good destination. Morningside is home to the most frequented bars off campus (Little Woodrow's, Baker Street Pub, The Gingerman). At places like Richmond Avenue (also known as the Richmond strip), you can find anything from Swing to Salsa. Downtown Main Street has its own lively collection of upper scale bars and clubs as well.

Some popular clubs include: South Beach and Blur Bar in Montrose, (both are Gay/Lesbian clubs, play good music, and guarantee a good time); Toc Bar, Club Next, and Heat, all of which are in downtown Houston play urban hip-hop and R&B; and Wild West, (especially on Wednesdays), plays a mixture of country and pop. Melody Club, on the first Saturday of each month, offers Latin music and salsa dancing, and Tropicana and Plaza 59 are both hubs on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.



Welcome to Houston! Houston is the city with the most restaurants per capita. It's been said that you could eat at a different restaurant for each meal of the day every year for over a year in Houston. While we don't suggest you try that (unless bankruptcy is your idea of a good college career), we do suggest that you go out and explore! As the year progresses, servery food will begin to repeat itself, and you'll be dying for an escape from meatloaf. This list ought to help get you started while exploring different world fares. Scoring: Each restaurant was judged based on price. \$ - indicates price level and ranges from \$ (college student price) to \$\$\$\$ (only when the folks are in town).

\*\* indicates Late Night food options, which you will find to be very important.

#### Pizza

- \*\*Domino's - \$ - 5733 Kirby 713-523-7770
- Papa John's Pizza - \$ - Kirby @ Sunset 713-432-PAPA
- Pizza Hut - \$ - 2400 Holcombe 713-664-1391
- Star Pizza - \$ - 3700 Shepherd 713-523-0800

#### Burgers and BBQ

- Barnaby's - \$ - 1701 Shepherd
- Bubba's Burgers - \$ - Westpark at 59, under the freeway
- Goode Company BBQ - \$ - 5109 Kirby
- Luther's BBQ - \$ - 8777 Main (Near Target)

#### Mexican/Tex-Mex

- Chipotle - \$ - Kirby and Sunset
- \*\*Chipultepec - \$ - 813 Richmond Ave.
- Freebirds - \$ - Shepherd and Greenbriar
- Chuy's - \$\$ - Westheimer west of Kirby
- Guadalajara - \$\$ - 59 between Buffalo Speedway and Kirby
- \*\*La Tapatia - \$\$ - Richmond and Woodhead
- Lupe Tortilla - \$\$ - 59 between Shepherd and Kirby
- Pappasito's - \$\$ - Richmond and Kirby

#### American

- \*\*59 Diner - \$ - Shepherd and Norfolk
- Empire Café - \$ - 1732 Westheimer
- Ziggy's Healthy Grill - \$\$ - West Alabama west of Kirby
- Boulevard Bistro - \$\$ - Montrose before 59
- Goode Company Seafood - \$\$ - Kirby and Westpark
- Little Big's - \$\$ - Montrose & Westheimer
- Houston's - \$\$\$ - Kirby and Westpark

#### Asian/Indian

- Chinese Café - \$ - 9252 Bellaire
- Hunan Village - \$ - 3301 Shepherd
- Lai Lai Dumpling House - \$ - 9250 Bellaire
- \*\*Mai's Vietnamese - \$ - 3402 Milam
- Bombay Brasserie - \$\$ - Richmond and South Rice
- Bombay Palace - \$\$ - Westheimer and Wesleyan
- Fu's Garden - \$\$ - Kirby and University
- Patu - \$\$ - Rice Blvd in Village
- Shiva's - \$\$ - Times Blvd east of Kirby

#### Vegetarian

- Field of Greens - \$ - 2320 W Alabama St
- The Hobbit Cafe - \$\$ - 2243 Richmond Ave

#### Italian

- Prima Pasta - \$ - 6811 Kirby
- Carraba's - \$\$ - 3115 Kirby
- Collina's - \$\$ - Times Blvd and Morningside
- Macaroni Grill - \$\$ - 5802 Westheimer
- Olive Garden - \$\$ - 1010 Old Spanish Trail
- Prego's - \$\$ - Village Parkway in the Village

#### Brunch

- Baby Barnaby's - \$ - 602 Fairview St
- Benji's - \$ - Kelvin in the Village
- Croissant Brioche - \$ - Rice Blvd in the Village
- Einstein Brothers Bagels - \$ - Kirby and Bissonnet
- La Madeleine - \$\$ - Village Arcade
- Le Peep - \$\$ - 6128 Village Parkway

#### \*\*Open 24/7

- House of Pies - \$ - 3112 Kirby
- IHOP - \$ - 2412 Holcombe
- Ruchi's - \$ - Shepherd and Alabama
- Taco Cabana - \$ - Holcombe and Greenbriar
- Chacho's Mexican Restaurant - \$ - 6006 Westheimer
- Starbucks - Post Oak & Westheimer

#### Coffee Shops

- Agora - 1712 Westheimer
- Brasil - Westheimer and Dunstan
- Diedrich Coffee - Westheimer and Hazard
- Ruggles - 2365 Rice Blvd
- Salento - 2407 Rice Blvd.
- Starbucks - Village Arcade on University

#### Fine Dining and Special Occasions

- The Cheesecake Factory - \$\$ - In the Galleria
- The Great Greek - \$\$ - 2609 Gessner
- Raven Grill - \$\$\$ - 1916 Bissonnet
- America's - \$\$\$ - 1800 Post Oak Blvd
- Azuma Sushi - \$\$\$ - 5600 Kirby
- Churrascos - \$\$\$ - 2055 Westheimer
- The Capital Grille - \$\$\$\$ - 5365 Westheimer
- Fogo de Chao - \$\$\$\$ - 8250 Westheimer
- Michaelangelos - \$\$\$\$ - 307 Westheimer
- Post Oak Grill - \$\$\$\$ - 1415 S. Post Oak Lane
- Brennan's - \$\$\$\$ - 3300 Smith Street

Whether you're hungry on a Saturday night or craving a sweet treat, the Student Association's HedgeHopper card is your solution for affordable eating and shopping in the Rice community. Every year, local businesses offer discounts exclusively to Rice, which are compiled onto cards available to all Rice students, faculty, and staff. All you have to do is bring your HedgeHopper card and Rice ID when requesting your discount. As new students, you should be receiving a HedgeHopper card during O-Week, but if you need a replacement card, you can pick one up at the Info Desk at the RMC or contact the Student Association External Vice-President at [Makhani@rice.edu](mailto:Makhani@rice.edu). For more information, as well as a map of participating businesses, go to <http://sa.rice.edu/page/hedgehopper-program>.



## HOUSTON ON THE INTERWEBS



Houston Metro  
[www.ridemetro.org](http://www.ridemetro.org)

Hermann Park  
[www.hermannpark.org](http://www.hermannpark.org)

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center  
[www.houstonarboretum.org](http://www.houstonarboretum.org)

Houston Zoo  
[www.houstonzoo.com](http://www.houstonzoo.com)

Angelika Film Center  
[www.angelikafilmcenter.com/houston](http://www.angelikafilmcenter.com/houston)

Houston Ballet  
[www.houstonballet.org](http://www.houstonballet.org)

Houston Grand Opera  
[www.houstongrandopera.org](http://www.houstongrandopera.org)

The Galleria  
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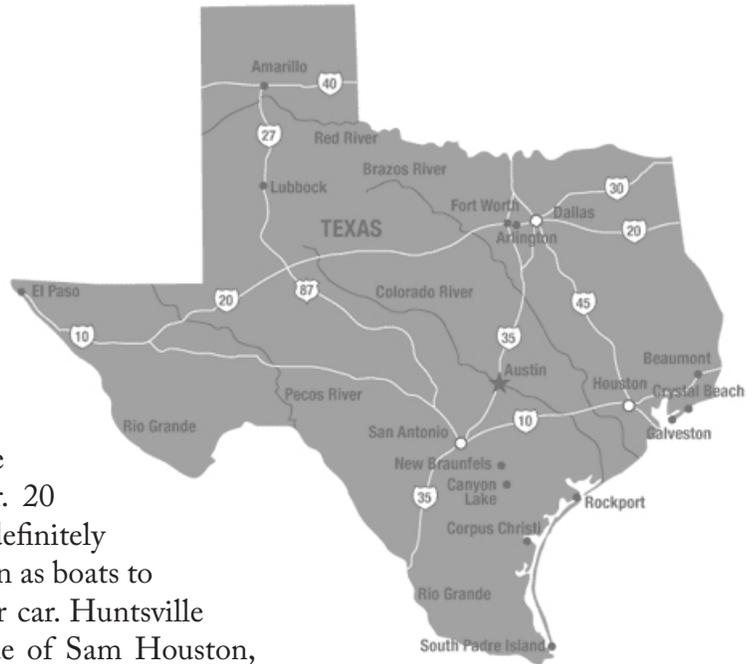
Rice Village  
[www.ricevillageonline.com](http://www.ricevillageonline.com)

Houston Museum of Natural Science  
[www.hmns.org](http://www.hmns.org)

Museum of Fine Arts Houston  
[www.mfah.org](http://www.mfah.org)

Contemporary Arts Museum Houston  
[www.camh.org](http://www.camh.org)

There's nothing like a good road trip. Well, except for maybe a road trip with all of your closest friends where you stop at a gas station and happen to win the lottery. Anyway, in case you haven't seen a map of the United States recently, let me let you in on a little secret. Texas is HUGE! I'm talking like 12 hours of driving from East to West and 14 ½ from the panhandle to the valley. There are fun places to go everywhere in between.



North of Houston are great places like the Woodlands (~45 min.) and Huntsville (~1 hr. 20 min.). The Woodlands Mall is super classy and definitely worth the trip. They even have water taxis (known as boats to the laymen) that can take you to and from your car. Huntsville is home to two Texas treasures: the giant statue of Sam Houston, which holds the record as the world's largest statue of an American hero, and the Texas Prison Museum. Slightly farther North is the Dallas-Fort Worth area (~4 hrs), where you can find way more things to do that I have room to mention. If you go to Dallas, be sure to check out Woody's Smokehouse (EXIT 64 from I-45), the self-proclaimed beef jerky capital of the world, along the way.

I'll be honest—there's not much going on east of Houston unless you're willing to cross state lines. This brings you to the friendly state of Louisiana where you can visit great cities like Baton Rouge (~4 ½ hrs) and New Orleans (5 ½ hrs). There are fun things to do like go on good old' fashioned swamp tours, eat Cajun food, gamble (if you're of legal age of course), celebrate Mardi Gras, and much, much more.

South of Houston is the Gulf of Mexico. Just don't expect beaches like the ones you've seen on "Baywatch." Texas has a few great options.

The closest beach is Galveston (~1 hr), followed by Corpus Christi (~3 ½ hrs), and then South Padre Island (~6 ½ hrs.). If you're feeling extra adventurous, Pensacola, Florida is only 8 hours to the east.



*South Padre Island, TX*



*State Capitol Building, Austin, TX*

There are amazing places to check out if you're heading in a westerly direction. Austin (~3 hrs) is always a great option if you're looking for live music, the majestic Texas State Capitol building (taller than the U.S. Capitol, by the way), your friends at UT, bats, or the infamous Sixth Street. Austin is home to the Austin City Limits Music Festival and

South by Southwest, both world-renowned and definitely worth the trip. San Antonio (~3 hrs) is also a fun place to visit with attractions like SeaWorld, Six Flags Fiesta Texas, the Alamo and other historic Spanish missions, and fantastic entertainment on the River Walk. If you're going to San Antonio, don't forget to stop at Buc-ee's (the convenience store that's so much more) along the way. You can thank me later.



*Floating the Guadalupe River,  
New Braunfels, TX*

West of Austin and north of San Antonio, the Texas Hill Country is the geographic center of Texas. For two-steppin' at the oldest dancehalls in the state; "floating the river;" experiencing Texas' German heritage; visiting Schlitterbahn, America's #1 Waterpark; or simply basking in the lush greenery, the Hill Country is a gem of pure and concentrated Texan culture.

West Texas holds many wonders for the outdoorsy types. In addition to the rugged desert landscapes seen in such award-winning recent movies as No Country For Old Men and There Will Be Blood, the highest point in Texas - Guadalupe Peak - is located in Guadalupe national park (~9 ½ hrs). The hiking in Big Bend National Park (~9 ½ hrs) cannot be beat anywhere in the Southwest.



*Buc-ee's is awesome!!*

No matter which direction you go, the point is that you're going somewhere. Leave Rice. Leave Houston. Explore Texas. You won't regret it.



*Bluebonnets, the official state flower, can be seen blooming along highways from March through May.*



*Big Bend National Park*



# ACADEMICS



# ACADEMIC CALENDAR - FALL '09

August 16 - 21, 2009	Orientation week for new students
August 24, 2009	FIRST DAY OF CLASSES
August 24 - 28, 2009	Fall Registration Continues: Registration continues for undergraduate, graduate, and visiting students
September 4, 2009	Deadline: Last day to complete late registration
	Deadline: Last day to add courses (Please go to ESTHER to add or drop courses)
	Deadline: Last day to adjust variable credit for courses online via ESTHER
	Deadline: Last day to designate a credit course as "Audit" or vice versa
	Deadline: Last day to convert a "Pass/Fail" to an earned letter grade for courses taken in Spring 2009
	Deadline: Last day to drop to part-time status and receive a refund for tuition
	Deadline: Last day to withdrawal with a 100% refund of tuition and fees
September 7, 2009	LABOR DAY (HOLIDAY - NO SCHEDULED CLASSES)
September 11, 2009	Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a 70% refund of tuition
September 18, 2009	Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a 60% refund of tuition
September 25, 2009	Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a 50% refund of tuition
October 2, 2009	Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a 40% refund of tuition
October 9, 2009	Deadline: Last day to drop courses (Please go to ESTHER to drop courses)
	Deadline: Last day for instructors to submit Mid-semester Grades for first-year undergraduate students online via ESTHER
	Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a 30% refund of tuition
October 12 - 13, 2009	MIDTERM RECESS (NO SCHEDULED CLASSES)
October 16, 2009	Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a 20% refund of tuition
October 23, 2009	Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a 10% refund of tuition
October 30, 2009	Deadline: Last day to designate a course status to "Pass/Fail" option
November 9, 2009	Spring Registration Begins: Spring 2010 registration begins for currently enrolled undergraduate, graduate, and fifth-year students
November 13, 2009	Deadline: Last day to register for Spring 2010 by 5:00 PM without a Late Registration Fee
November 14, 2009	Late Registration Begins: Continuing students that have not registered for any classes are charged a Late Registration Fee to add classes
November 26 - 27, 2009	THANKSGIVING RECESS (HOLIDAY - NO SCHEDULED CLASSES)
Friday, December 4, 2009	LAST DAY OF CLASSES
	Deadline: Last day to drop courses ( <b>for Fall 2009 undergraduate matriculants only</b> ) - students must go to the Office of the Registrar by 5:00 PM
December 5 - 8, 2009	Study Days - NO EXAMS
December 9 - 16, 2009	Final examinations for undergraduate courses

<http://events.rice.edu/>

MARTEL COLLEGE



YO-HO-HO-WEEK

January 11, 2010	FIRST DAY OF CLASSES
January 11 - 15, 2010	Spring Registration Continues: Registration continues for undergraduate, graduate, and visiting students
January 15, 2010	Deadline: Last day for instructors to submit final grades to resolve "Other" (OT) grades for courses taken in Fall 2009
January 18, 2010	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY (HOLIDAY - NO SCHEDULED CLASSES)
January 22, 2010	Deadline: Last day to complete late registration Deadline: Last day to add courses (Please go to ESTHER to add or drop courses) Deadline: Last day to adjust variable credit for courses online via ESTHER Deadline: Last day to designate a credit course as "Audit" or vice versa Deadline: Last day to convert a "Pass/Fail" to an earned letter grade for courses taken in Fall 2009 Deadline: Last day to drop to part-time status and receive a refund for tuition Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a 100% refund of tuition and fees
January 29, 2010	Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a 70% refund of tuition
February 5, 2010	Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a 60% refund of tuition
February 12, 2010	Deadline: Last day for instructors to submit final grades to resolve "Incompletes" (INC) grades for courses taken in Fall 2009 Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a 50% refund of tuition
February 19, 2010	Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a 40% refund of tuition
February 26, 2010	Deadline: Last day to drop courses (Please go to ESTHER to drop courses) Deadline: Last day for instructors to submit Mid-Semester Grades for first-year undergraduate students online via ESTHER Deadline: College course plans due to Dean of Undergraduates office for Fall 2010
February 27 - March 07, 2010	Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a 30% refund of tuition
March 8, 2010	SPRING BREAK (NO SCHEDULED CLASSES) Summer Registration Begins: Summer 2010 registration begins for currently enrolled undergraduate, graduate and fifth-year students
March 12, 2010	Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a 20% refund of tuition
March 19, 2010	Deadline: Last day to designate a course status to "Pass/Fail" option Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a 10% refund of tuition
April 1 - 2, 2010	MIDTERM RECESS (NO SCHEDULED CLASSES)
April 12, 2010	Fall Registration Begins: Fall 2010 registration begins for currently enrolled undergraduate, graduate and fifth-year students
April 16, 2010	Deadline: Last day to register for Fall 2010 by 5:00 PM without a Late Registration Fee
April 17, 2010	Late Registration Begins: Continuing students that have not registered for any classes are charged a Late Registration Fee to add classes
April 23, 2010	LAST DAY OF CLASSES Deadline: Last day to drop courses (for Spring 2010 undergraduate matriculants only) - students must go to the Office of the Registrar by 5:00 PM
April 24 - 27, 2010	STUDY DAYS - NO EXAMS
April 28 - May 05, 2010	Final examinations for all undergraduate courses
May 7, 2010	Deadline: Last day for instructors to submit Final Grades for all degree candidates online via ESTHER by 5:00 PM
May 15, 2010	NINETY SEVENTH COMMENCEMENT

Somewhere, sometime, someone important in The System decided that O-Week should be more than just summer camp. So, every once in a while we'll take a break from throwing water balloons, having food fights in the Commons and trying to burn down Jones College to talk about that alter ego of Rice: school. As a head start, here are some basic academic need-to-knows of your college experience.

**Credits.** To graduate, you'll need to satisfy at least 120 credits, depending on your major. Subtract out any AP credits, divide by how many semesters you plan to stay, and voilá! That's your average course load. Don't get overambitious... you'll want a social life.

**Distribution.** Take at least 12 credits each of D1 (humanities), D2 (social sciences) and D3 (engineering and science) courses to become that valued well-rounded student...and get your diploma. "Distribution courses" change every semester and they'll need to be in at least two departments per category.

**Pass/Fails.** You get one Pass/Fail per year you attend Rice, though you can use them any time. Apply them wisely to maximize your GPA or take an interesting course you might not do well in. Also, you can't use them for major requirements. And don't fail. Really.

**LPAP (el-pap).** To the rest of the world, that's PE. Rice requires two classes per student, and they're 0 credits each (wohoo!). On the upside, they're your chance to finally take up fencing, salsa dancing or "the art of relaxation."

**ESTHER.** This is the web interface through which you'll register for classes, see your transcript, evaluate your professors and a whole lot of other goodies.

**The General Announcements.** The faculty tell us we can't ever claim we didn't know about a graduation requirement because they're all written clearly in this 5 billion page book. They have a point, so read it. Well, at least the stuff that pertains to you.

## BUYING BOOKS

by Simone Briggs, Martel '12

Upon attending your first classes, your teachers will inform you of the required texts that you will need for the duration of the course. Your teachers request that the campus Barnes & Noble bookstore located in the Rice Memorial Center order an adequate amount of these books so be assured that they will be waiting for you! However, this can be very pricey because the used copies sell quickly and the new ones they order could render you roughly \$400 dollars on average short.

Another common alternative is to purchase textbooks on the Student Associations Textbook Marketplace <http://sa.rice.edu/marketplace> where students buy and sell books to one another online. It's nicely set up so that you can enter your course title in and a list of sellers marketing books that are relevant to the class will appear. These books are used and cheaper than you would purchase them for at the bookstore, because we are all familiar with the budget constraints of broke college kids, but they sell quickly so once you know what you need then contact the seller to let them know you are interested.

If you're looking for an even less costly alternative, then look towards online book rental services. <http://www.chegg.com/> allows you to rent books for various time periods for up to 85% less than you would pay to purchase the book. Books are delivered quickly, and all you have to do to return them is print a prepaid postage stamp and head over to a UPS station (one is located in Rice Village). If the money saved isn't incentive enough, then how about that for each book you rent, they help out the environment by planting a tree! Now if you're feeling especially frugal, then you can consider checking out the library to see if you can borrow some books you know you will need them, and/or pooling together with friends in the same classes to share a book.



Some of you may already have some idea of what you want to do with your life. Some of you don't have any clue what you are going to eat for lunch today, let alone your life plan. But, whether you are set or still deciding, the Rice Academic Advising system is there to help you along the way. Academic Advising takes a multi-tiered approach in figuring out a plan for your first semester here at Rice, and even things you want to take in the future. They help not only during O-Week and your first semester, but all throughout your career here at Rice.

If you want, you can start looking at the course offerings for Fall 2009 ([courses.rice.edu](http://courses.rice.edu)). Beyond the paper (now computerized) course catalog and written course description in the GA (General Announcements-book that has all your graduation requirements and course descriptions), once you arrive for O-Week, you have the opportunity during the week to talk with faculty members of specific departments and upperclassmen to discuss classes, majors, interests, etc. Through lunch with members of a department and one-on-one meetings with advisors and upperclassmen,



you will figure out the perfect schedule to your soon-to-be amazing first semester here at Rice. Below are some key characters in your academic advising experience, both during O-Week and during your first year.

**Divisional Advisor:** Divisional advisors are faculty members from one of Rice's four major academic divisions (Humanities, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, and Engineering) who will help you tread through the wonders of Rice Academics. They understand the specific requirements for their division, as well as other useful information about rules, resources, educational opportunities, etc. You will meet one-on-one with a divisional advisor during O-Week. Divisional advisors are assigned based on academic interests. Divisional advisors come to lunch at Martel throughout the year and love to spend time talking with Martel students about basically anything.

**Peer Academic Advisors:** PAAs are chosen and trained by the Office of Academic Advising as a student representative to help you. They are part of O-Week, but instead of being advisors for groups, they are "on-call" for all your academic needs, all the time. They are free to answer your questions at any time during the week to give you some advice on just about anything related to academics. Even if they do not know the answer, they will most certainly know who does and will redirect you to them. A whole group of PAAs in basically every single major are available to help you throughout the year. This year's O-Week PAAs are Bo Shi (Jr, PoliSci), Maram Salaheldin (Sr, PoliSci, History) and Kara Calhoun (Jr, Biological Sciences, Policy Studies).

**Martel Mentors:** Martel's dedicated group of Juniors and Seniors that "help facilitate academic excellence." These are students who have maintained a 3.5 GPA or higher during their time at Rice and applied for a position in this service organization. The Mentors comes from all various disciplines and majors. They were once in your shoes, having taken the same introductory classes as you have (and most likely made an "A" in it too) with the same professor and most likely with the same textbook. They hold review sessions before finals or large tests, hold office hours, are available for individual meetings and will even help you edit a paper if they have time.

**Office of Academic Advising:** Located on the 1st floor of the Ley Student center in the hallway left of the info desk if you enter from the circle drive, Office of Academic Advising host the big academic figures on campus. The Office is home to the PreMed advisor, Study Abroad Advisor, and a bunch of other important people. For more information, including major advisors, transfer credit advisors, and general Rice academic questions, please visit their website [www.rice.edu/advising](http://www.rice.edu/advising) or call 713-348-4060 for more information.

"I'm experimenting... that is what I'm supposed to do in college."

–Mikaela Dennison, 2006 O-Week Coordinator

Choosing classes may seem like a daunting task, but don't worry, registration can be a breeze if you have a little basic information first. When choosing your first ever college courses, here are a couple of good things to keep in mind:

### Take Basics:

Through great advice from my senior O-week advisor and a little luck, every class I took my freshman year counted toward my major or distribution. I wasn't sure if I wanted to be Psychology, Linguistics, or Philosophy major. So my advisor told me to take a class in each area, with advice on which would be representative of the major. Because of that first semester, I was able to take other classes that other freshmen couldn't take because they hadn't taken the right pre-requisite. You don't want to plan your schedule and wake up early to sign up at 7 in the morning on registration day only to find out you don't have the right pre-requisites. Which brings me to my next point:

### Keep Requirements in Mind:

Distribution requirements allow students to explore their interests outside of their major and give them credit required for graduating for doing so. You will soon see that select courses in every department give "distribution credit," either D1 (Humanities), D2 (Social Sciences), or D3 (Science/Math/Engineering). The proper method in selecting distributions is to choose courses for the subject matter, and never for the sole reason that they are "distribution." Asking an upperclassman in that major can be a great way to find good courses for non-majors. Finding out about the professor from students who have taken classes from them is another excellent way to narrow down your list of potential classes- the best professors can make a class which may not seem to interest you on the surface become one of your favorite classes at Rice. The key is to take courses that sound interesting and have professors which make the subject come alive.

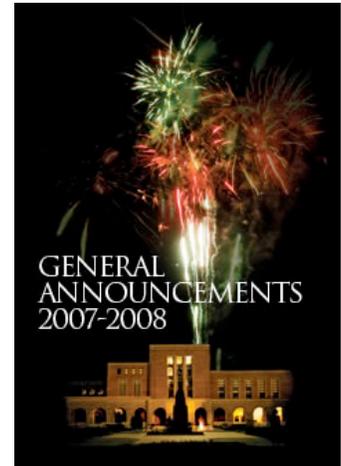
### Take Fun Classes:

College is a time to explore! I'm not familiar with the exact statistic, but many people who go to Rice end up graduating with a major that is different from when they came in. Whether it's a small change from biochemistry to biosciences or a big one from mechanical engineering to anthropology, feel free to delve into other areas of study that interest you. Rice wants well-rounded students- that's why you're required to take classes from many different disciplines.

### Don't Over-Do It:

College is not the same as high school. You're required to have at least 120 hours to graduate. That means if you take 15 hours a semester for four years, you're good to go. The average class is 3 hours, so signing up for 5 classes (or some combination to get you to 15 hours) is generally a good plan. However, you're a freshman! This is your first semester in college and it's usually a big transition from high school to Rice. Your first semester is a great time to experiment with your area of study, get to know your fellow Martelians and Owls, and just get used to college life. Join a club team! Play powderpuff! Be in a play! Don't let your *only* memories of your first semester be of you and Fondren spending quality time together. There's plenty of time for that later. Do find friends and form study groups. And don't be afraid to drop a class- the administration is very forgiving of freshmen, even if dropping the class takes you below 12 hours (although generally try to avoid this, as it makes you a part-time student and opens up a whole other set of problems).

There is so much other advice I could give (like go abroad!) but that's what your advisors are for. This summer it's important to remember that you **DON'T HAVE TO WORRY!** We spend a lot of time during O-Week helping you choose your classes and you'll have a ton of resources. Enjoy your summer!



Fondren Library is like a vegetable amidst a pile of candy. You know its importance, but everything else looks more appealing. However, despite its palling comparability, Fondren library can - and inevitably will - be a major part of your Rice experience. It houses many of the best study rooms on campus, which can be checked out for fours at a time. Also, Fondren has both MACs and PCs installed with the most updated programs required for most classes. However, knowing you are curious to know more about Fondren, I have compiled a few questions/answers which may ease your Fondren transition.



### **How do I access Fondren Library's catalog?**

Go to: <http://fondren.rice.edu>. If you need a book/online journal/government article start your search electronically. From this website, access WebCat which should take you to Fondren's Catalog. Similar to your school or local library, you can find what you need by typing in the subject, title, author etc.

### **I have a "course reserve" which my professor says I can access online. How do I do that?**

Once in Fondren's home page, click "course reserves" usually second on the top bars of the web page. You can then either find your course reserve by typing in the course number such as Poli 211 or Reli 101, or your instructor's name or the course name.

### **I have research paper/project! How do I access electronic journals?**

In the homepage, there is a section titled "Research section." While there are a variety of ways to access journals, I prefer to click on "indexes and databases" which separates journals alphabetically or by subject like "arts and humanities" or "science and engineering." Warning: If you live off campus, you must register for a proxy key, which can be explained in depth by the "Reference staff" at the library.



### **What is InterLibrary Loan?**

An InterLibrary Loan allows you to request books Fondren doesn't have from other university libraries around the country and have them sent to Rice for free.

### **Why do I need my library pin number?**

A library pin number is extremely useful and it is given to a student the first time he/she checks out something at Fondren. This pin number can be used to renew books online, or check out books with the automatic machine (i.e You don't have to go to the circulation desk).

### **What is the difference between the "Reference," the "Circulation" and the "Reserve" desks at Fondren.**

The Reference desk is rather self-explanatory. The staff is there to help you find books, provide library maps or answer questions concerning the library. On the other hand, the Circulation desk checks-out books and handles fines. Finally, the "Reserve" desk is where you go to find books, folders, dvds, vhs's, and CDs that professors have separated for a class. Remember to have a call number ready when you request for any reserve book (which you can find on WebCat).



PRE-LAW IS NOT A MAJOR. It is an intention, a way of life, a mantra, a desire, the most beautiful thing in the world. Take classes that excite you. Push beyond your comfort zone and broaden your horizons. Learn to think logically, read analytically, and write well. Law schools will look primarily at your LSAT scores and your grade point average before vetting your extracurriculars, so focus on your studies! Rice offers classes that will provide some insight into what law school is like--if you have room in your overflowing schedule, those are for your benefit. Dean Ostdiek, the Dean of Judicial Affairs, is the pre-law advisor. His office sits in the Academic Advising Office. Set up an appointment with him and benefit from all of his edifying advice regarding law school applications, what you should do if you take time off before law school, your personal statement, and much more. Career Services can get you in touch with some alumni who have gone to law school for a first-hand perspective. Above all, get excited! In the words of Henry David Thoreau "The law will never make men free, it is men that have to make the law free." The world needs smart, creative, and ethical lawyers from Rice University!!

## PRE-MED

by Lauren Rosenburg, Baker '11

Rice campus is brimming with pre-med students. Some fall in the category of kids that have known they want to be doctors ever since they were born with a scalpel in hand. Others say they are pre-med because they aren't quite sure what else they could be and just want to cover their bases. No matter where you fall, Rice has plenty of resources for everyone contemplating the road to medical school. Here's some advice:

- 1) *Major*: Contrary to popular belief, you do NOT have to major in biochemistry to be a pre-med. You can major in anything that you want as long as you take the required classes for med school applications. Many people also think that choosing a science major can help their chances for getting into medical school, but this is also a myth. Med schools look for well-rounded people and just as many non-science majors get in as science ones. This very well may be the last chance you have to study the history of underwater basket weaving or whatever, so study what you like! Just remember to check in with the Office of Academic Advising to make sure you're getting all of the classes you need.
- 2) *Forget the Pressure*: Be sure that you explore medicine as an undergrad to make sure it is genuinely something you want to pursue. Med school is grueling, and your motivations should go beyond money or family expectations. Rice has tons of opportunities to work in the medical field: become an EMT, work for Rice EMS, shadow a doctor in the largest medical center in the world which happens to be across the street, volunteer in the med center, do research for a professor or at a hospital, join HUMED society, do doctors without borders. This list is endless. Make the most of these resources.
- 3) *Use Your Resources*: For any questions, concerns, or advice Rice has one of the greatest pre-med advisors ever to walk the face of this earth, Dr. Dana McDowelle. She is absolutely fantastic and always available (mcdowelle@rice.edu). Being a pre-med is challenging, but completely worth it.



Ah, the life of an Academ.

You may set out to as an academ (short for academic, named for the classes you take) or you may become one if you realize Organic Chemistry and Multivariable Calculus just aren't for you. Regardless of the motive, you're in for a good time. Academs, lovingly referred to as "Slackadems," can be seen reading books, lounging around Martel due to their late classes, or otherwise seeming to not be working hard. At times, you may wonder if they even take classes. But do not feel superior, S/E's, for Academs frequently have their own load of books to read and papers to write, a task S/E's generally try to avoid.

The term Academ covers a wide range of majors, distributions 1 and 2, with majors ranging from from economics to psychology to visual arts. It's kind of a broad term for everyone not Science or Engineering, so individual experiences of each student may vary. The lighter course load means that Academs are afforded a wide range of opportunities, such as studying abroad during the school year or just getting 8 hours of sleep every night (I'm a fan). And just because you're not an engineer doesn't mean you won't graduate with a great Rice education. Being an Academ is no walk in the park. There are projects to do, aforementioned papers to write, and we Academs have been known to think for ourselves. It's natural to hear a spontaneous philosophical conversation on a huge range of academic topics pop up between Academs.

Many of the majors within the Academ world have fewer required credit hours than the S/E division. This allows for a lot more flexibility in an Academs schedule. It's not uncommon to see a double or triple major, but don't feel pressure to add a major just for that second line on your degree. The flexibility also allows Academs to explore more areas and realize their academic passions.

## SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

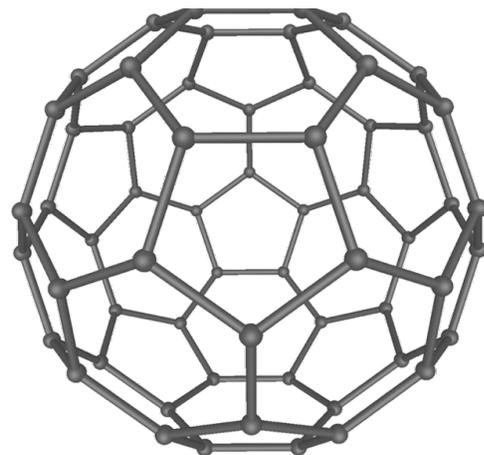
by Richard Thomas, Martel '10

Is your TI-89 calculator one of your best friends? Do you regularly take advantage of a legal addictive stimulant called caffeine? If you answered yes, you already have a head start in majoring in Science and Engineering (S/E).

S/E majors are some of the most difficult majors that Rice has to offer, but you're already here so I'm sure your brilliant minds can handle it. You just need to be prepared.

Freshman year, any S/E needs to knock out the Big Three: MATH 101, PHYS 101, and CHEM 121. But don't go throwing 20 hours of S/E classes on your plate right off the bat because you think you're an academic baller (college is not high school!). Balance your diet with some distributions courses, and don't take an obscene amount of credits unless you plan on becoming an antisocial hermit in Fondren or your room (boo!).

Engineers have fun too (the most fun from my experiences). The key is to balance your courses, not to overload yourself, and study hard. You'll be rewarded with a fun and exciting college experience, as well as a major that is useful in the real world.



To each of that have earned a place both at Rice University and The Shepherd School of Music, congratulations! You are now a part of one of the most exciting universities around, and a member of one of the most prestigious music schools in the country. Whether you're a performance major, a composer, or a musicologist, you have clearly earned your place here after countless hours of practice and diligent study. Shepherd alumni perform in nearly all of the world's great orchestras, sing with the top opera companies in the nation, and the faculty is just as worldly. You will work privately with teachers who have come from the world over to teach their craft as masters in their field. You will study history and musical repertoire with professors who are still being published. You will study theory and aural skills with composers whose works are still being premiered and performed across the globe. And you will work with fellow students, graduate and undergraduate alike, to improve yourselves as musicians and students. Every student at the Shepherd School is given the opportunity to perform during his study here, and the facilities are unmatched.

Also, don't forget to spend some time here at Martel. You'll find that your time here is so much more bearable when you can spend time with friends. And besides, you need to spread the word about our craft, because we need to convince people to spend money to come listen to us when we graduate! So get involved at Martel. Meet the people. Practice! Analyze Bach! Rack your brain trying to understand Schoenberg. Socialize! Do it all. You'll find the time.

And to those of you who aren't musis, you'll find out in December that most of us don't have finals. Don't harass us about that, though. Many of us take 18 to 20 hours a semester, and we do the work all the time. We practice all the time, and with rehearsal schedules and theory homework, as well as foreign language, concerts, and private lessons, we stay awfully busy. Don't forget juries. We work just like you do, but we don't get to put it off until the last minute.

## ARCHITECTURE

by Miriam Vieyra, Martel '12

With no more than 24 students per class, archi's (Rice's term for architecture student), share a special bond with one another. Yes, all the engineers and pre-meds will think you're a bit odd, always walking around campus with foam core and cardboard as you lug material from your car to Anderson Hall. But, we simply add another classy, passionate, and different group of students to Rice campus.

Rice's Architecture school is one of the most prestigious in the country. It offers degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Architecture (B. Arch.) and also a Master of Architecture (M. Arch.). Professors come from all over the country, with many different backgrounds and specialties. Students not only receive the aid and guidance of their professors, but are also enlightened by school sponsored lecturers almost every week. Anderson Hall will become your second home; this is where all the studios, from first year to graduate level are. The lights never go out, you will never be there alone, and at times, you will never leave. During Charette week (the week before final projects are due), you and your classmates will spend endless hours laboring at your models and drawings, often forgetting to shower or eat. But, the good news is that you then have a week to catch up on your sleep while others prepare for their finals.

While the life of an archi can be strenuous, you are always around other students working just like you are. You're classmates are just as excited and passionate about architecture as you, because if they weren't they wouldn't be there. And, the major is extremely rewarding; when all the work is over, you have a beautiful product to show for it.



First semester freshman year registration changes everything. During these few days, two distinct groups emerge: those who know exactly what they want and how to get it, and those who can't decide on a simple schedule, let alone a major.

Let me start by saying that for almost two years, I was a proud member of that second group. I challenge you to find a more undirected and undecided freshman (and for that matter sophomore) than I was. I took classes in almost every department -- MATH, PHIL, ANTH, CHEM, POLI, ENG, CEVE, ECON, BIOE, Art, PHYS, CAAM, AND MECH. Awed, aren't you?

Though I hope you are a tad more directed than I, having such a diverse academic background has its perks. Taking a broad spectrum of classes allows you to appreciate different fields of study and, in doing so, isolate the areas you are intrigued by, those you excel at, and those you desperately want to avoid. When all is said and done, you will have a major that you are confident is the right choice for you.

I know I can't fully convince you that there is, yes, plenty of time to be indecisive, but I'll do my best: "Really, don't fret. You've got time." Yes, many of you fear being "left behind" as you watch your fellow classmates take classes that you possibly should be taking. Even if you do make some choices that get you "left behind", as I did, there is ample time to catch up. Furthermore, be comforted knowing that your fellow students—even those decidedly decided and declared—often change their major.

If you are undecided, good for you. Don't stress. You are free to look into everything that even vaguely interests you. Embrace this time as you investigate these different departments. Eventually, after trial and error, you will have a major that you're excited about and proud to call your own.

If you have any questions about particular majors, ask either the peer advisors or myself. Regardless of the major you are investigating, I've probably taken some classes in the field and might be able to help.



Transfer students: get ready for quite an adventure. While you have already been through your first year of college and have already been oriented with the college life, Rice is definitely something different. O-Week and the college system is guaranteed to be unlike anything at your old school. Just try to relax, have fun, and make new friends.

While it may seem repetitive to have to repeat ANOTHER orientation, and another “welcome to college life” lecture, O-Week can be one of your best college experiences if you let it. You get to meet all the new students and have the chance to become acquainted with your new environment. Try hard not to compare every activity with that of your old school and be welcome to the new, adventurous activities Rice has to offer, from Beer Bike to bonding with associates.

When you arrive, you'll be given a packet including your transcript and the credits that transferred; most classes will transfer as TRAN 100/300 credit. In order to ensure your previously earned credit(s) transfer into a Rice class, you will have to seek approval from the department transfer credit advisor. You may want to have an old syllabus, old essays, maybe even old exams for the transfer advisor to evaluate.

If you have any questions, feel free to ask me or one of the Martel PAA's. Also, here at Martel, one of our RA's, Brian Gibson, is Director of Academic Advising, and he is very helpful and probably has the answer to almost any question.

Any new adjustment can be difficult. But be happy you chose Rice, learn about the school, and get excited about joining our Martel community! You will probably find it's quite a great change.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

by Fahad Punjwani, Martel '12

Being an international student at Rice is a perk that I have enjoyed tremendously and you will too. You will always find people who are awed by your effort to travel the thousands of miles to live so far from your family on your own (even though its not such a big accomplishment). Talking about your cultural and ethnic background and different life-style can start great conversations. People are always willing to find out the reasons you came to the US and Rice.

Living in Houston, far from your family, will be a great new experience and you should try to get as much as possible out of it. Also remember that Rice is YOUR University, so be a part of it and participate in everything you wish to be a part of. The people of Houston and especially Rice are extremely friendly and welcoming, so being a part of a new culture and settling in will not be a problem at all! Just give the city, the people, and everything a chance.

The Office of International Student Services (OISS) is always ready to answer any technical and other questions you might have. Just visit their website (<http://oiss.rice.edu/>) and follow their advice and instructions.

The education system, which includes the teaching-styles, assessments (homework, tests and exams) and grading methods, might be very different from what you are used to. Don't worry. It will not be a problem at all. Your friends, classmates, academic advisors, and professors are always there to help you out. Just keep an open-mind and don't hesitate to do research and ask for assistance.

There are many things that are different in the American culture. Rice will give you plenty of opportunities to learn – learn new sports, new dance styles, new forms of presentation and behaving, etc. You will have numerous opportunities to bring your culture to Rice and share your knowledge and talent with your fellow Owls. Just take the initiative and Rice might just become dearer than home!



It is easy to get involved in research at Rice. Some majors actually require a senior thesis, but you may want to get experience before senior year. Often there are fliers around your major department advertising for positions, especially for summer lab techs. Or, ask the professor of your favorite class about their research, and (besides an enthusiastic, hour-long monologue) you might be offered a position in their lab. If their research interests aren't what you're looking for, or if they don't need any new labbies, they can usually point you to someone who is a better fit. Alternatively, you can survey your department website or talk to your major advisor for professors to contact.



You may start out small, working for pay or credit, but soon you can have more responsibilities, start your own experiments and co-author or write your own research paper. Over 150 students presented posters at the 2007 Rice Undergraduate Research Symposium, and a glance at their posters reveals a huge variety of fascinating, innovative, undergraduate-run research. If you are interested in diving in-depth into a topic outside of the classroom, Rice is full of amazing opportunities to conduct independent research with a professor's helpful guidance. For more information, be sure to check out <http://ugresearch.rice.edu/index.cfm>

## STUDY ABROAD

by David Younger, Jones '11

Living abroad is an invaluable educational opportunity that everyone should experience, and there is no better time than as a student. There are many lessons that simply cannot be learned from a university course or textbook alone. They must be experienced directly, and this is what studying abroad allows. Interaction with locals, adaptation to a new diet, exploration of a new place, and even observation of popular media changes the way one perceives the world and especially his or her own culture.

One myth is that students in many majors, especially in science and engineering, cannot study abroad. This is not true. While certain majors may require students to be at Rice for certain courses or attend certain universities overseas that have comparable coursework, students in all majors can study abroad. Another option is to study abroad during the summer. Many universities abroad offer summer sessions for visiting students, which may provide a perfect opportunity to gain an abroad experience without interfering with a four-year academic schedule.

At Rice, there are numerous resources that provide support to students interested in studying abroad. In most cases, the first step is to set up an initial meeting with one of the general study abroad advisors, which is appropriately called Step 1. They will provide guidance on what programs to consider, how to transfer credit back to Rice, and who to go to for scholarships and specific departmental advising.

So why not get to know Italy, Spain, India, Australia, the Czech Republic, or Costa Rica? While it is impossible to say what cultural experiences one may have when studying abroad, there is no question that they will be eye-opening and life changing.



Welcome to your first year of college! You're going to be given a ton of freedom in the coming year as well as a lot of new responsibilities. Probably the hardest part of your first year will be prioritizing between the two. Following a few pieces of advice can make the entire process of discovering your own balance a lot easier, not to mention it will give you more time for yourself.

### **The Work Side:**

Use your planner or a calendar. With everything you're going to be doing in college, extra-curricular activities, student organizations, and maybe classes you will find it's easy to lose track of dates, assignments, and times without writing them down. Using your planner makes organizing all of this keeps everything in the same spot, making sure you don't miss that free Chipotle or T-shirt. Mmmmm free Chipotle.....



Once you settle into your classes, figure out a time to study and stick to it. Sure, you're going to have club meetings, extra-curricular activities, water balloon fights, and countless other things come up on any given night, however, the best way to make sure you get all of your work done throughout the week and aren't up till 3 AM every Sunday night and able to participate in Martel College Nights and other college activities is by getting into as much of a routine as you can.

Don't stress! Millions and millions of people have graduated from college, and I promise they didn't spend every night studying and worrying about classes. Sure, classes are really important, but don't forget to enjoy the time. It's the last you will have without any added responsibilities of the real world. And if you find you are stressed, don't worry! Rice has a great student counseling center that can help out if you just have too much going on. There are also CAPP (College Assistance Peer Program) members at Martel who are trained and willing to help you deal with just about anything. These resources are here for a reason. Just ask!

### **The Play Side:**

Make time for yourself! If you try and truck through all the work you're going to have without taking a break can leave you exhausted. College is about more than studying, you also need to find out exactly who you are and what you do and don't enjoy doing. While this involves academics, it is also about making friends that will stay with you for the rest of your life. Don't be afraid to sit down at a table with people you don't know, everyone is really friendly and always willing to meet someone new. So go to a baseball game with your friends, get some late night Taco Cabana, or do something random you wouldn't normally do, it will probably end up helping you with both your academics and your life in the end.

Lastly, enjoy your time here. You have four or more years to enjoy everything you want to about college: studying, partying, relaxing, and playing. But on the other hand, you only have four years! This is one of the last times you will have to easily pick up something new, so do it. Make good grades, get your work done, but live it up! Go meet the other undergrads, explore Houston, and leave your mark on Rice and Martel. You have once college experience, make the most of it!



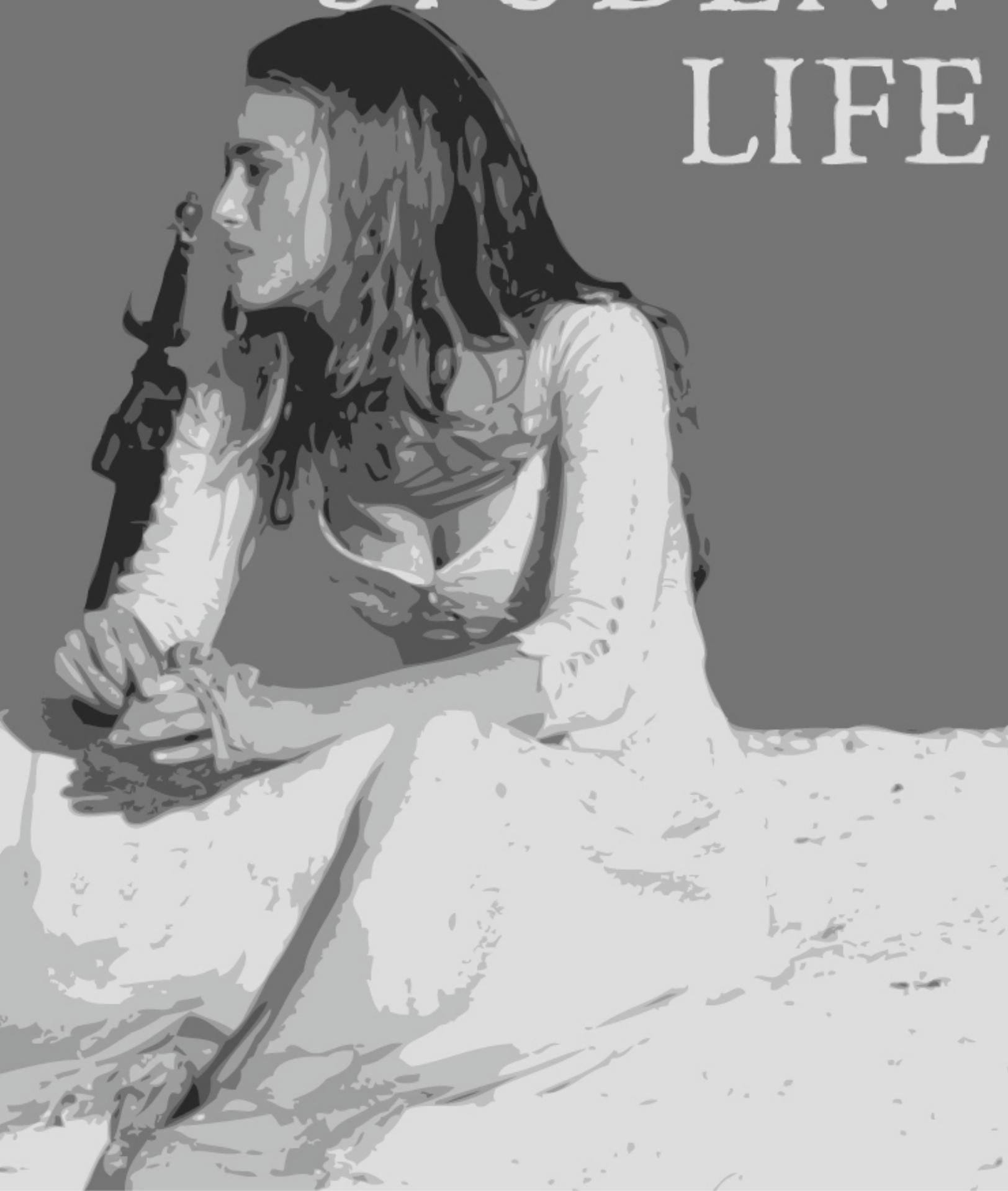
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# STUDENT LIFE



You've probably heard by now that Rice is a "wet" campus. Basically, this means that alcohol is not banned from the University grounds.

***O-Week, however, is the exception to this rule. During your first week at Rice, no student is allowed to possess or consume alcohol. This will be strictly enforced by the coordinators, masters, advisors, RAs, and the Chief Justice.***

After O-Week, the campus becomes "wet" again, and every student is required to abide by Rice's Alcohol Policy. The Alcohol Policy can be found in your student handbook or online, and you should become familiar with it as soon as possible.

Most importantly, students must remember that University policy in no way supersedes state or federal law. That is, no person under the age of 21 is permitted to consume or possess any beverage containing alcohol. This includes events in Willy's Pub, the colleges, or any other location on campus.

That said, there are a few details in the Rice Alcohol Policy which you should take note of. The University makes distinctions between public and private parties. A public party is defined as any event that:

- occurs in or over-flows into public areas (i.e. hallways, landings, etc.) or causes undue disturbance to other college members,
- utilizes college funds,
- is public in spirit or effect, or is publicly announced/advertised to college and/or University members, or
- uses more than one keg.

This includes all college and club events. Public parties must be registered with the University through the Wellness Center, the Office of the Assistant Dean of Student Judicial Programs, the college masters, and RUPD. All public events use certified alcohol servers who only serve to students who possess sufficient identification which shows them to be over the age of 21. Private parties are those which are held within the private confines of a student's room and do not have any of the above characteristics which would categorize them as public parties. In most cases, the University, including the Rice Police Department, tries to treat student rooms as private spaces and will not perform a search without obvious probable cause. Thus, if you decide to have a few friends over for a small gathering in your private room, and alcohol is present, the University will likely not intervene.

However, if your small, quiet gathering grows and spills into public spaces, involves excessive noise which causes others to complain, or has been publicly advertised, it will be considered to be an unregistered public event and will be subject to intervention by the Chief Justice and the college court, and if necessary, intervention by the University Police Department.

Remember, though, that the primary concern of RUPD and the Rice EMS is the safety of the students. If, at any point, you feel that an event involving alcohol has become unsafe or that someone has consumed too much alcohol and may be in medical danger, **do not be afraid to call for help**. In a situation where help is requested, Rice EMS will not press any alcohol-related charges. Again, for emphasis: EMS is there to help you, not get you into trouble. You should never risk your friends' health because you're afraid of getting into trouble.

The University endorses all of these mandates strictly to provide the opportunity for the responsible consumption of alcohol by consenting students of legal age. Anyone found to be violating these guidelines faces potential University and State disciplinary action.

In any case, though, you always have the option to abstain from consuming alcohol at all. In fact, nearly two-thirds of Rice students either do not drink or consider themselves to be "light drinkers". 27.3% of all students at Rice abstain from drinking all together. That's not to say that students don't go out and have fun—it's just important to recognize that most students here don't care if you're holding a cup full of beer or Coke.

Really, the importance of this policy is to keep you, the students, safe while also providing the opportunity to enjoy yourself. Students who choose to drink responsibly and abide by the Alcohol Policy are those for whom this policy is written. Those who do not follow the policies listed are subject to punishment. Be familiar with the restrictions and your own personal limits, and the Alcohol Policy will function only as a document to help protect your safety and well-being while attending Rice.

You've heard it from friends, family, and maybe even current Owls—college can be very stressful, and Rice is certainly no exception. While you are primarily here to work and to make the absolute most out of your four (or more) years here, it is undeniably important that you try to balance your life here. Adding some much-needed fun to your schedule will make even the most strenuous problem sets, exams, and papers tolerable. At Rice, all sorts of social events designed to help you kick back and enjoy college abound.



Rice may be small, but we have more than our fair share of opportunities to enjoy life at our own college and even at other colleges, too. Each college gets its own budget to put on what are known as public parties—parties open to students from all 11 colleges. There, you can dance, eat, drink (you have to be at least 21 to drink alcoholic beverages), and hang out with the person you saw in physics class but never got the chance to meet. Most colleges throw one party per semester. Wiess throws Night of Decadence (N.O.D.), the biggest party of the year, and certainly not for the weak of heart (or fully clothed). Brown throws Bacchanalia, a rockin' toga party (you'll likely have a blast just designing and getting into your costume). Hanszen throws Mardi Gras, a party guaranteed to leave you covered in beads. Baker throws Baker Blues during Families Weekend, a bash complete with a live band and free cigars. Sid Rich throws 80s Party and becomes the site of hundreds of neon-spandex-clad Owls jumping to the tunes of an amazing eighties cover band (need I say more?). Martel throws the first and last parties of the school year with "Don't Mess with Texas" Party in the fall and Beach Party in the spring, usually on our very own Sundeck, giving Martelians a chance to show everyone that we can definitely kick it.



The second type of campus party is the private party. These smaller gatherings are usually in people's rooms and typically involve Facebook invites or word of mouth. They're usually a great chance to get to know people from other colleges and to explore campus a little bit. While it's great to be at Martel, it's always fun to get a taste of what's going on at other colleges! If you want to venture even further, there are plenty of bars and clubs nearby campus or within reach by lightrail, car, or cab, and these provide a great avenue for experiencing life outside the hedges.

At Rice, there's something for everyone--drinkers, non-drinkers; dancers, non-dancers. Rice and Martel parties are great places to meet people, make friends, and live it up in your 4 (or more) short years here. Even if parties weren't your thing in high school, you might want to give it another shot, because you never know until you've tried it. Some of your very best memories may very well be shopping for your eighties costume, or even helping decorate for Texas party.

Be safe, and try to have some fun next year!

Willy's Pub came into being on April 11, 1975, and drew a crowd of 1,700 on its first day. Go ahead and read that sentence over again, let it sink in... Good? Okay. Conceived by Student Association committee in response to several drunk-driving deaths of Rice students during that year, Willy's Pub provided a haven in the heart of the campus, just a short walk from anywhere. These days Pub was open Monday through Saturday and was THE place to be on a weeknight. Remember, this was when 18 was the drinking age in Texas, and all but the youngest of Rice students could partake in all that Pub had to offer. Willy's was immensely successful these first ten years, and the second largest consumer of beer in all of Harris County, behind only the AstroDome, which had an unfair advantage, being a professional sports stadium and the home of MLB, NFL, and NCAA teams. These glory days did not last, however. In 1986, when the nationwide drinking age increased to 21, a reduction in patronage led to financial difficulties for Pub and the institution all but closed down. Saved by university funding in 1994, Pub was completely destroyed by a fire the very next year. Only the Willy's Pub sign – which still today hangs above the entrance – and a few taps were salvaged. But the spirit of Pub lived on. Rebuilt over the summer of '95 with a sports bar-esque décor, the same Pub we see today opened just after the start of classes the following fall.



Today's Pub is a low-key hangout during the day, with foosball, billiards, and a 60 inch TV – a great place for a lunch meeting and quiet enough to be one of my favorite places to study. Quiznos toasted subs, personal pizzas, many other food offerings, and sodas with unlimited refills only sweeten the deal. At 5:00 PM, the locks come off the coolers, and a wide selection of draft and bottled beer are available to those of age in addition to the non-

alcoholic selection available to everyone. There are exciting events at Pub almost every night, including live bands, Wednesday Night Trivia, and Pub Nights. Every college has a Pub Night one Tuesday every semester, where the entire college – though students from other colleges are definitely welcome – pretends it's a Saturday, puts aside their schoolwork, and descends upon Pub. These events are usually themed (like everything else at Rice), and unlimited sodas, ample free pizzas, and multiple kegs are covered by the college's Socials budget. Over 400 people attended Martel's last Pub Night, and our next one is coming up September 23, so mark your calendars!





It's finally that time in your life, when you are far from parents and living on your own. For many this translates into wild parties, loud music, alcohol, and dancing the night away. However, college doesn't always mean getting your beer goggles on and getting pie-eyed.

Coming to Rice, you might even wonder whether you'll find yourself in a party environment where getting 'wrecked' is a norm or instead among a crowd of workaholics who make the library their second home. In reality, Rice fits somewhere between these two extremes. You don't have to drink if you don't want to and you will be accepted, loved and respected for who you are no matter what!

There are several things to do on campus if you plan not to drink. The Rice Program Council arranges several campus-wide events, from Esperanza, the homecoming ball, to Screw-Yer-Roommate, a new form of blind dating. RPC arranges several concerts as well. These include outdoor concerts and events in the Willy's Pub, which is a great place to hang out even if you don't like getting inebriated and jolly. Lovett Undergrounds often showcases music performances by your fellow Owls. There are several ethnic societies such as the Black Student Association (BSA), Chinese Student Association (CSA), South Asian Society (SAS) and a few more who throw huge social events, often followed by dinner, where they introduce you to their culture and traditions. If you don't want to leave Martel after a tiring day, just head to the game room, where you can play foosball, pool, video games or table hockey, or grab a bag of popcorn and watch a movie in the TV room.

Also, the on-campus parties are awesome. From Martel's own Don't Mess with Texas party to Brown's Bacchanalia to Sid's 80's party, each gives you a chance to dress up and have a great time with your friends. You don't have to drink. Just put on your swim trunks and floppy-floppies for Martel's Beach Party and enjoy.

If, somehow, none of the above appeals to you, Houston sure will. It is a huge metropolitan city with a diverse culture and something for everyone.

So just have a positive attitude, don't worry too much about fitting in because in actuality, no matter what category you fit in to—whether it be an “absolutely won't”- drinker, “take an occasional sip”- drinker or “show me the booze”- drinker—you will be respected here without any pressure. And remember, Rice does not support underage drinking, so keep it legal and keep it safe! There is a place for everyone here at Rice!

## Things to do... other than drink

- Eat
- Go out on a hot date
- Order a pizza
- Go to a party
- Watch a movie
- Dance
- Draw a picture
- Play boggle
- Play strip boggle
- Host a cheese party
- Wear a tutu
- Calculus
- Go to a play
- Get some chai
- Listen to jazz
- Go to a club
- Start a waterballoon fight
- Play soccer
- Play rain soccer
- Explore Houston
- Start a thrash metal band
- Play dodgeball
- Have a slumber party
- Shave your head
- Get a piercing
- Start a fan club
- Surf the internet
- Go to the Angelika
- Have a picnic in Hermann Park
- Chase squirrels
- Perform “Hello, Dolly!”
- Chase bunnies
- Freestyle for money

Most of you have probably never shared a room before, but that is all about to change. Get ready to meet your roommate, or for most of you, roommates. Most of you will be sharing your common room and bathroom with three to five other people. Your bedroom, however, you will only share with one person. So say goodbye to most of your privacy, and be ready to move in with a stranger.

Sound terrible? It's not, far from it. The O-week coordinators do an outstanding job of matching up roommates for the best living experience. In fact, chances are that your roommates, or at least one of them, will end up being some of your best friends at Rice. And despite sharing a bedroom, most rooms at Martel are designed to maximize privacy and personal space.

While moving in with a total stranger could prove to be an interesting experience, you should probably get to know your roommates before O-week. You can facebook, email, or even call them. Not only will you get to know them a little better, but you can also discuss who will bring what to the room in terms of furniture, televisions, and entertainment systems. You could even go one step further and discuss issues such as preferred temperatures, sleeping habits, and significant other policies. You will get to learn a little bit about your roommates and you will have avoided possible cohabitation problems all in one fell swoop. Go you.

Finally, be positive and keep an open mind about your roommates. A little photo and the questionnaire shouldn't be the basis for your final opinions about your roommates. You might want to live with them for the rest of your time here at Rice, who knows? So when it comes to roommate and room assignment, take it easy. Things are going to be just fine.



STUDENT LIFE



In our fast-paced techno-crazed world, being plugged in and on the internet is a norm. iPhones, text-messaging, and quick information is how most of us run our lives these days. If it's not for you, than more power to you for using snail mail, and actually speaking to people on the phone instead of texting all of the time; however, if you're like the rest of us, then you're probably wondering how computing works around it.

First of all, bringing a laptop is not a necessity at college, but it does help. If you choose not to bring one, don't feel like you're at a disadvantage. Every residential college has a computer lab, as well as Fondren Library and Mudd Laboratory (home-base to all things computer). At Martel, we have 4 PCs that run Windows XP and 2 iMacs that run Leopard OS X. All of the computers at Rice have any application and software that you could possibly need and is always available for printing uses (which run at around 6 cents per page).

More than likely, you will probably be bringing your own laptop to college (since 80% of students do), And there are a few important things that you need to know:

If you are bringing your own computer, Rice has 1Gb ethernet to the wall ports in the rooms. There are a few things you need to know before you plug in, though. Rice uses software called Clean Access so your computer is registered with your OwlNet account, allowing you to be correctly identified as a student so that your computer can access certain on-campus services. If you run OS X or Linux, the log-on process will be done online. If you run Windows, you will be led through the process of downloading the Clean Access software when you first attempt to get on the network. Clean Access will check your computer for up-to-date anti-virus and log you onto the network. Please note that Rice offers its students free subscriptions each year for Trend Micro PC-Cillin internet security. This is an excellent option, since the anti-virus software that comes on new computers is typically a trial version that will end after 30 days.

Also, Rice has a "one port per pillow" policy, meaning that if you have multiple items that need to be connected to the network, you only get one wall port to do it in. Typically the only time people run into problems with this is plugging in Xboxes and PlayStations. The easiest way to solve this problem is to simply employ the wireless network if you have a laptop. Rice has two 802.11g wireless networks streaming from access points set up for full coverage in nearly every building on campus. "Rice Visitor" is designed for visitors to campus, providing net access without requiring an OwlNet login, and "Rice Owls" functions like the wired network discussed above.

Usually the biggest question that new students have is about email. By this point, you should have received information explaining how to set up your university e-mail account. If not, all of the packets you've gotten, and then try calling IT at 713-348-4357. Email can be accessed using either IMAP or POP3 as long as it's done with an SSL connection, but there's also the fairly straightforward website at <http://webmail.rice.edu>.

All of that mumbo-jumbo above can be pretty complicated so you're probably gonna need some help!

When you get here you can get help with all of this stuff at two different kiosks staffed by university SCCs (Student Computing Consultants) during O-Week. The north-campus kiosk (where you'll probably be going) is stationed in the Library of South Jones). Look for the "YELLA 'MBRELLAs"

During the semester, the kiosks will be open during normal business hours 9AM-5PM Monday-Friday.

If you need help with anything check out the website: <http://docs.rice.edu>

# ADVICE FOR GIRLS

by Eileen Ong, Hanszen '10

- Be yourself. People will fall in love with you no matter what so there is no need to try so hard to impress them.
- If you feel like making an effort to look good for class, **DO IT**. You'll stand out against a sea of shorts, t-shirts and flip-flops and maybe catch the eye of that cutie sitting 3 rows behind you.
- Leave your door open when you feel like socializing... and when you don't.
- If you put your trash outside your bedroom door, the cleaning staff will empty it every weekday.
- The laundry room is always crowded on Saturday and Sunday so weekdays, preferably in the mornings, are the best times to do the dreaded chore.
- The best time to hit the servery is 11:45 AM. At 12PM the servery becomes a zoo.
- A lamp and extension cords will make your life so much easier.
- An umbrella or rain boots will do the same when it comes to that time of the year. Really.
- Join that club or intramural sport you've been dying to try.
- Go to all the parties.
- Go out for a midnight snack with your friends after the parties. Houston has a lot to offer at 2AM.
- Don't ever walk alone at night. The Night Escort is a great service and a free service. Just dial 6000. **USE IT!**
- People will ask you out. If you like them, don't play games, say "Yes"! If you're not interested, let them down gently and don't let it get awkward.
- If you like someone, you don't want to wait for them to ask you. We go to Rice so you might be waiting for awhile. Take charge and ask them out! It's a turn on (so they say), and it'll save them the nerve of asking you. Ask people out!



# ADVICE FOR GUYS

by Rhae Adams, Martel '12

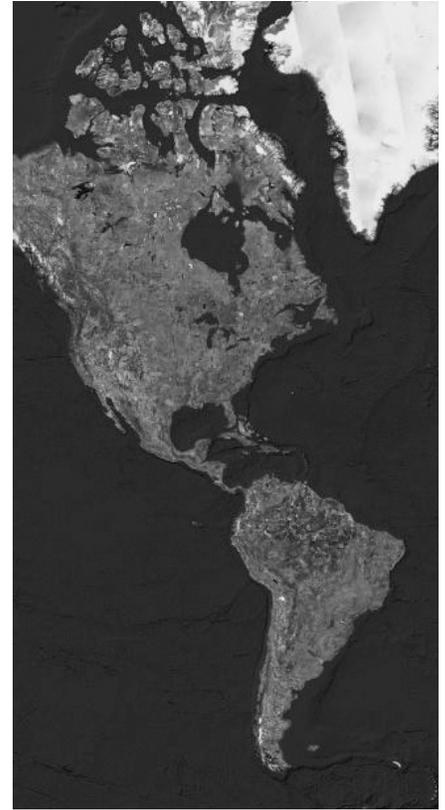
- Wear deodorant. Texas is hot. Really hot.
- At some point, you are going to have to do laundry. Remember to wash your whites and colors separately. Your whites use warm water (w-w) and your colors use cold (c-c). The washers are on the left when you walk in the laundry room and the dryers on the right. Don't be afraid to ask someone for help.
- Buy an umbrella, even if you think its going to make you look dorky, you will look even sillier when you are running back to Martel in the pouring rain.
- Ask people out.
- Join Martel sports teams...even if you have no athletic ability...it's a good way to meet people, have some fun, and support Martel.
- Call your parents. They love you for some reason.
- Ask people out.
- Go run the outer loop, its a good way to relax, stay in shape, or blow off some steam after you give up on your physics problem set.
- Put lots of seating in your common room, it's a good way to make friends.
- It's okay to take milk and fruit out of the servery and put it in your fridge.
- **ASK PEOPLE OUT!!!!!!!!!!!!**
- Make an effort to meet people outside of Martel after a while, it will make Rice seem a lot bigger and it's nice to know people when you go out.
- Go on late night runs to TC with your roommates instead of studying.



We could throw the statistics at you, the large number of students who one day marry other Rice Alumni, the number of people who stay in contact with each other or hold on to their Rice relationships, or those few who successfully held onto a long distance relationship for their entire Rice career. It isn't impossible and has been done, but it takes a lot of work and some ground rules. Your key words will be TRUST and COMMUNICATION.

First and foremost, you should have that conversation before you leave, the one that says "Hey, if this doesn't work out, we'll still survive." Be realistic and know that you are about to enter some of the most mind and thought altering years of your life. You will change and they will change and you won't be sitting beside each other to watch this happen. If you do make the decision to stay together, communication is key. Being open to the changes that you are both going through will keep you close, likewise trust each other to go out, make friends and grow as individuals. You'll be happier in the end.

Staying in contact and keeping each other updated on those daily decisions and daily changes in life are the only way to make things possible. But, remember that those hour long phone calls mean you are missing out on what is going on at Rice. Your happiness here at Rice and your success as a student hinges on your integration into the Rice community. So long as your long distance relationship doesn't replace this, you are golden.



## DATING AT RICE

No matter what you've heard from whoever, dating at Rice is alive and well, and don't let anyone tell you otherwise. There are a lot of different dating styles that you might see at your time at Rice. There are those who choose to stick around campus, whether that means just chilling out watching TV together or grabbing coffee at the RMC. Plus, going on a date with someone is a great excuse to see one of the on-campus theatre productions or concerts. Good introductions for getting a date are the RPC sponsored campus events like Screw Your Roommate, in which you set up your roommate on a blind date, or a dance, like Esperanza. Plus there are always those more traditional dates: to a movie, to a concert, to dinner, to the butterfly museum, to the park... the list is endless. How much you date or want to go on dates is really up to you.

There is a huge spectrum of people who date at Rice. Rice is a place that embraces diversity and acceptance of all its students. That includes all who classify themselves heterosexual, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, questioning, asexual, or don't want to classify themselves at all. There are people in long-term relationships that will probably end up together forever. There are people who end up having multiple relationships during their time at Rice. Some just like to date around as much as possible, and some just don't want to date at all.

No matter what kind of relationship you're in or would like to be in, just remember to balance it along with every other part of your life. Eliminating your hobbies, friends, or work ethic for a relationship is never a good idea. It's all about balance. You are in college now and the dating scene is a little bit more mature. So just remember that every person, relationship, and couple are different, and respect that. Rice is a supportive, accepting place no matter what you choose to do.

Having grown up in an international setting overseas all my life, I had a few uncertainties about how things would be at Rice. Sure, I had seen random statistics about the ethnic and racial diversity on campus, but that still didn't stop me from getting the feeling that it would be just a whole bunch of the same people coming from the same background with the same interests and that I would not fit in entirely... I could not have been proven more wrong!

True, close to 60% of my class has residency from Texas, but if there's anything I've learned it's that where you're "from" says very little about your culture. As we all know, just because you're "from" Texas doesn't mean there is a specific mold that fits you 100%.

In fact, I've learned so many different things from all my Texan friends; I have learned about Vietnamese culture from my Vietnamese-Texan friend, I have learned about Japanese culture from my Japanese-Texan friend, and I have even learned more about Arab-American culture from my Egyptian-Texan friend! The point here is that you shouldn't let yourself be blinded by statistics because they can often be misleading; Rice is so chock-full of students from such diverse backgrounds that may not be obvious on the surface.

However, just because someone comes from a different background doesn't mean that he/she has fulfilled his/her role in enriching the cultural diversity at Rice, and thankfully, most Rice students don't think so. You can see such a wide array of people gather for and participate in events hosted by many of the different cultural organizations at Rice. I, for one, was guilty of thinking that groups such as the South Asian Society were organized for only people who were a part of that culture, but that notion was definitely disproved to me before O-Week was even over. In particular, I remember looking at my O-Week group's spirit coordinator with a confused expression on my face as she told me about how much fun she has taking part in the South Asian Society's dance show every spring. Now, keep in my mind, this girl was a white female from Louisiana, not quite your poster child for South Asia, but nevertheless, at Rice, that doesn't seem to matter! In fact, it's highly encouraged for people to take part in the organizations of other cultures, or at least attend their events, because exposure to different cultures is one of the best things you can do for yourself!

So, in case you haven't noticed what my point is: cultural diversity is kind of a big deal on Rice campus, so become a part of it and expand your horizons. I dare you...!



The campus has a multitude of resources for those who classify themselves as GLBTQAA (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered, Questioning, Asexual, or Ally). The aim of these resources is not only to create a tolerant environment at Rice, but to serve as a forum for learning and interaction for people of every background and walk of life, as well.

Q&A (Queers & Allies) is the main social organization for GLBTQAA students. This group takes part in events such as National Coming Out Week, and National Day of Silence, among others. It organizes group outings to restaurants and cultural events, and also sends members to seminars and conferences when applicable. Q&A generally meets once a month, and is always looking for new participants, whether they be part of the GLBTQA community or the friends and family thereof.



In addition to its social/political activities, Q&A has a resource center located in the basement of the RMC. This center focuses on obtaining resources, such as books, movies, and pamphlets directed towards the gay community and has student-run office hours during the week. One of the biggest Q&A events is the drag-show which brings Rice students and members of the community together to raise money for GLBT affiliated charities.

Furthermore, the counseling center runs an Ally Program, which has training sessions throughout the year to educate students how to be supportive of their GLBTQA neighbors. Additionally, they receive training and resource information so that they can offer help and to friends who may be struggling with their sexuality. If you see an "Ally" sticker in the window of someone's room, it means they have successfully completed the Ally program and that they will be a good person to talk to about issues of sexuality or gender identity.

## CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION

by Kevin Tran, Martel '11

Probably within minutes of your arrival to Rice, you'll notice the big green fences that have begun to grace our campus with their (increasingly evident) presence. Have no fear! These are merely a sign of better campus facilities, new neighbors, and... well, okay, maybe a little dust. But at least the fences are green, and not, like, red.

Luckily for us, the north side of campus will have mostly completed construction by the time you get here! The building of McMurtry and Duncan Colleges have been the bane of Martel's last two years. Now that it is over, renovations are underway in the South (specifically, Will Rice & Baker College). Also, when you get here, the new Recreation Center will not be open yet and is scheduled to be completed by November 2009. Similarly, the new Physics Building over by Hamman Hall will also be under construction for the next few years.

If you ever find your way by these hard-hat construction sites, the only really important rule is to NEVER TRESPASS into the construction. There are police officers in the construction sites, and if you sneak in to steal bricks or go exploring or whatever, you could go to jail. Real jail, not University Court. (Do, however, ask the construction workers if you need something. Even though they wear boots and hardhats, they're very friendly and have been known to help out students.)

Though construction is a pain, everything that is being built will be a fantastic new addition to Rice University and will be worth the wait!



Numerous religious organizations are very active on campus. These groups exist not only to allow us to remember our beliefs and learn more about them, but also to teach us how to apply them to our everyday lives and to provide a context where we can sharpen and encourage each other. They supply an opportunity for us to learn how to truly live out our faith, allowing these principles of belief to transform every aspect of life.

I would like to personally encourage you to check out the religious organizations on campus, whether you grew up with religious beliefs or not (there's even a secular students' organization, SSR). If nothing else, you will at least broaden your perspective. The table below contains a list of the religious groups on campus as well as one or two contact people from each organization. More details can be found on the Student Association clubs page (<http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~stact/clubs.html>). Please feel free to contact me at [jonathanlo@rice.edu](mailto:jonathanlo@rice.edu) with any questions you may have.

### Religious Groups at Rice:

#### Agape Christian Ministries

Kurt Ritz ([ritz@rice.edu](mailto:ritz@rice.edu))

James Bartlett ([jmb4@rice.edu](mailto:jmb4@rice.edu), 206-412-3947)

#### Baptist Student Ministries (BSM)

Andy Dennis ([andy@ricebsm.org](mailto:andy@ricebsm.org))

Walter Hassell ([walter.r.hassell@rice.edu](mailto:walter.r.hassell@rice.edu))

#### Canterbury (Episcopal)

Allison Elliott ([aae@rice.edu](mailto:aae@rice.edu))

#### Catholic Student Association

Tony Kellems ([tkellems@rice.edu](mailto:tkellems@rice.edu))

#### Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship

Josh Bell ([joshbell@rice.edu](mailto:joshbell@rice.edu))

Ryan George ([ryan.g.george@rice.edu](mailto:ryan.g.george@rice.edu))

#### Cornerstone Christian Fellowship

Dennis Shung (Sid Rich) 972/977-2730 / dls1

#### Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)

Jimmy Miller ([jpm1@rice.edu](mailto:jpm1@rice.edu))

Ryan Kennedy ([rsk4@rice.edu](mailto:rsk4@rice.edu))

#### Hillel (Jewish)

Laura Shepard ([l.shep@rice.edu](mailto:l.shep@rice.edu)) [hillel@houstonhillel.org](mailto:hillel@houstonhillel.org)

#### Impact Movement

Cherie Obilom ([cco1@rice.edu](mailto:cco1@rice.edu), 512-294-1451)

Sharion Scott ([sts1@rice.edu](mailto:sts1@rice.edu))

#### Interfaith Dialogue Association

Selim Sheikh ([sws2@rice.edu](mailto:sws2@rice.edu), 832-462-9292)

Islam Rizhanov ([Islam.Rizhanov@rice.edu](mailto:Islam.Rizhanov@rice.edu))

#### Intervarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF)

Erin Waller ([erinmichelle@rice.edu](mailto:erinmichelle@rice.edu))

Nick Hoeft ([nick.hoeft@rice.edu](mailto:nick.hoeft@rice.edu))

#### Lutheran Campus Ministry (Houston)

Pastor Brad Fuerst

([pastor@lcmhouston.org](mailto:pastor@lcmhouston.org), 713-516-8573)

Candase Arnold ([Candase.D.Arnold@rice.edu](mailto:Candase.D.Arnold@rice.edu))

#### Melodious Voices of Praise (MVP)

Valicia Miller ([vcm1@rice.edu](mailto:vcm1@rice.edu))

Shakera Reece ([skr1@rice.edu](mailto:skr1@rice.edu))

#### Muslim Student Association (MSA)

Shamoor Anis ([shamoor.anis@rice.edu](mailto:shamoor.anis@rice.edu), 913-940-6632)

#### Progressive Christians @ Rice

Jamie Sammis ([jls1@rice.edu](mailto:jls1@rice.edu))

Phil Hardy ([philip.j.hardy@rice.edu](mailto:philip.j.hardy@rice.edu))

#### Reformed University Fellowship (RUF)

Billy Crain ([wcc1@rice.edu](mailto:wcc1@rice.edu))

Meredith Bates ([mmb21@rice.edu](mailto:mmb21@rice.edu))

#### Rice University Mystic Inspirations Club

Muhammet Emre Coskun

([mec5@rice.edu](mailto:mec5@rice.edu), 646-288-5166)

#### Secular Students of Rice (SSR)

Alex Gorischek ([alex.gorischek@rice.edu](mailto:alex.gorischek@rice.edu))

Arturo Munoz ([arturo.munoz@rice.edu](mailto:arturo.munoz@rice.edu))

#### Wesley Foundation (Methodist)

Emily Everett

([emily@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:emily@stpaulshouston.org), 713-528-0527)

## Places of Worship

More information is located at: <http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~stact/RelPref.htm>.

### Bahai

Bahai Faith of Houston  
2419 Fannin (713) 529-1919

### Baptist

Baptist Student Center  
6350 Fannin (713) 790-0279

### Ecclesia

2115 Taft St (713) 622-1846

Rice Temple Baptist Church  
6409 Greenbriar (713) 666-2875

West University Baptist Church  
6218 Auden (713) 668-2319

### Bible

Bridgepoint Bible Church  
13277 Katy (832) 448-1330

Grace Bible Church  
1111 West 14th (832) 242-7957

### Buddhist

Jade Buddha Temple  
699 W. Branch Drive (281) 498-1616

### Catholic

Catholic Student Center  
1714 Rice Blvd (713) 526-3809

St. Anne's Catholic Church  
2140 Westheimer (713) 526-3276

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church  
6800 Buffalo Speedway (713) 667-9111

### Christian Science

Fourth Church of Christ Scientist  
4910 Montrose (713) 524 5508

### Church of Christ

Bellaire Church of Christ  
8001 South Rice (713) 668-4801

West U. Church of Christ  
3407 Bissonet (713) 666-3535

### Disciples of Christ

First Christian Church  
1601 Sunset Blvd. (713) 526-2561

### Episcopal

Autry House  
6265 Main St. (713) 524-3168

Palmer Memorial Church  
6221 Main St. (713) 529-6196

### Hindu

Sri Meenakshi Temple  
17130 McLean (281) 489-0358

### Islam

Nation of Islam  
4443 Old Spanish Trail (713) 741-2747

Islamic Society of Greater Houston  
Main Center  
3110 Eastside Street (713) 524-6615

### Jewish (conservative)

Beth Yeshurun Congregation  
4525 Beechnut (713) 666-1881

### Jewish (reform)

Congregation Emanu El  
1500 Sunset Blvd. (713) 529-5771

### Jewish (orthodox)

Chabad House  
1995 University Blvd (713) 522-2004

### Lutheran

Christ the King Lutheran Church  
2352 Rice Blvd. (713) 523-2864

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church  
5315 Main St. (713) 526-5731

### Methodist

St. Paul's United Methodist Church  
5501 South Main (713) 528-0527

West U. United Methodist Church  
3611 University Blvd. (713) 666-8111

### Mormon

Church of Jesus Christ, Latter Day Saints  
65 Melbourne (713) 695-1800

### Orthodox

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church  
5311 Mercer (713) 665-5252

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral  
3511 Yoakum Boulevard (713) 526-5377

### Presbyterian

Christ The King Presbyterian Church  
Houston Community College SW  
5601 W. Loop South (713) 892-5464

City of Refuge  
3150 Yellowstone (713) 664-5033

First Presbyterian Church  
5300 Main St. (713) 620-6500

### Unitarian

First Unitarian Universalist Church  
5200 Fannin (713) 526-5200



Now that you are an independent college student, you are in charge your money. Setting up a bank account early is crucial since you will be buying a lot of stuff first few weeks (textbooks, dorm supplies, etc.). Luckily, it's pretty easy. The most popular choice for students is Chase Bank. Chase is right down the street, within walking distance from Rice, and conveniently has two ATM's located at the RMC and Fondren Library. Chase usually will send out information before you arrive so you can set up your account before you even come to Rice. Some of you may already have pre-existing bank accounts, so it may be easier for you to stick with that bank.

You'll find that most Rice students like to pay with debit cards. Since they are accepted almost everywhere they are quick, easy and reliable. However, it's a good habit to carry some cash when you go out. For instance, when you go out to restaurants with friends and everyone wants to pay with their debit card, this can turn into a big problem. Most restaurants do not split checks. Also a similar problem can occur if everyone has a 20 dollar bill, so carry some singles -- it will make your life easier.

You will most likely need checks. You won't need to write many, but there are situations that arise where they are the only form of payment acceptable. For instance, buying a replacement Student ID, paying club sport dues or buying textbooks from another student are all best done with checks. If you are going to continue to use an account from home make sure to bring some with you. Always store them in a safe place you will remember.

A large amount of your expenditures will occur in the first several weeks. Just keep in mind that you need to pace yourself for the year. Before you purchase something, you should think for a second to make sure it's really a good idea. Make a habit of checking your account online often. When you pay via debit card you soon learn that the money goes faster than you think. Also, if you are paying by credit card you want to be sure to not miss your payment deadline. The credit card companies will hit you hard with late charges. Overall handling your finances is a big responsibility, so be smart.



### Here are a few of the more popular banks to check out:

Amegy Bank of Texas  
6602 Fannin St.  
[www.amegybank.com](http://www.amegybank.com)

Bank of America  
1025 Holcombe Blvd.  
[www.bankofamerica.com](http://www.bankofamerica.com)

Chase  
6560 Fannin St.  
[www.chase.com](http://www.chase.com)

Compass Bank  
2401 University Blvd.  
[www.compassweb.com](http://www.compassweb.com)

Frost Bank  
6410 Fannin St.  
[www.frostbank.com](http://www.frostbank.com)

IBC Bank  
5615 Kirby Dr.  
[www.ibc.com](http://www.ibc.com)

Wachovia Bank  
5311 Wesleyan St.  
[www.wachovia.com](http://www.wachovia.com)

Washington Mutual  
5150 Buffalo Speedway  
[www.wamu.com](http://www.wamu.com)

Wells Fargo  
6631 Main St.  
[www.wellsfargo.com](http://www.wellsfargo.com)

Beer Bike brings excitement, curiosity, and an element of surprise to Rice students campus-wide like no other event can. Standing over Maptek, even, Beer Bike combines all the necessary ingredients for the single greatest day of the semester. One Saturday in March, Rice students from all 11 colleges will battle for the most sacred glory in the history of the university: Beer Bike Champions.

After a week of celebrating William Marsh Rice's birthday during "Willy Week," Beer Bike serves as the capstone to the celebration. From filling thousands (and throwing about half that many at fellow Martelians) of water balloons to throw at the other colleges during the biggest water balloon fight of your life, to organizing and carrying out approved and non-malicious pranks (called "jacks") against other colleges, to being overwhelmed with anticipation for Beer Bike, Willy Week is one of the happiest weeks of the spring semester.

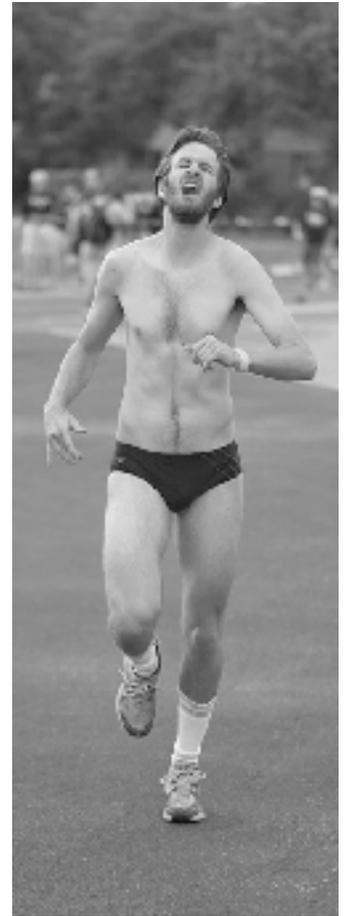
The morning of Beer Bike, Martelians are called to duty; in the early hours of the morning, you prepare for war. As a group, you will declare your profession to your Beer Bike coordinators, you will suit up in Martel-colored paint -- guys, a colored mohawk is always a good look -- and you will get pumped up for the water balloon fight that is about to begin.

The thousands of balloons you spent precious hours filling are loaded into a flat-bed truck (each college gets one) and process around the inner loop. The mobile water fight begins. You will defend Martel's honor by throwing water balloons at the other ten colleges, organizing surprise ambushes to hit the college farthest away from our truck, and probably slipping and sliding in the mud. The water balloon fight is well organized, though, and Beer Bike security officials and student volunteers will ensure the safety of all students.

After expending every last ounce of energy throwing water balloons at some 3000 other students, you will have worked up an appetite. That's why everyone heads over to the Beer Bike track in the Greenbriar parking lot to have lunch and claim a seat in the stands to watch the Beer Bike races begin. The first race is the alumni race; the second is the women's race; the final event is the men's race. Each race features ten chuggers and ten bikers. Because a majority of students on campus are underage, the Women's and Men's chuggers drink water. In Rice's history, when laws were different, the teams consisted of ten people only -- they did both the chugging and the biking. Cheering on your alumni, women and men's teams as they fight until the end is one of the most exciting times of the day. College unity appears in the support we yell at our bikers and chuggers -- don't be surprised if you wake up on Sunday without a voice.

Should Houston decide to rain on our parade, literally, Beer Run takes over. Instead of biking, the teams run around the track with the same chugging premise. In 2002, Martel won the "first" Beer Run championship, proving once again that we are, indeed, the best college at Rice.

Beer Bike is a day you will never forget -- make sure to start practicing your best Beer Bike face!



No matter what you may have heard, there's more to Rice than academics. And even more than that, there's more to Rice athletics than our baseball team, although Coach Wayne Graham certainly dominates with an unbroken streak of thirteen straight conference championships and a victory in the 2003 College World Series. Rice became part of Conference USA in 2005 and competes in Division 1A, the NCAA's highest level of athletics. We are host to sixteen teams: Men's Football, Golf, and Baseball; Women's Soccer, Swimming, and Volleyball; and Men's and Women's Basketball, Cross Country, Indoor and Outdoor Track, and Tennis.

Since joining Conference USA, Rice teams have consistently performed well, drawing attention not only from our own students, but from local and national media and scouts as well. Since joining C\*USA, The women's soccer team, women's cross country team, and women's tennis team have all won conference championships, with the men's tennis team making the NCAA Tournament and women's basketball making a WNIT appearance. Our football team also enjoyed a great season this past year, cumulating in a 38-14 win over Western Michigan in the Texas Bowl.

Over the years, Rice has produced more than fifty Conference Championship teams and numerous NCAA individual champions (including Martel's own Jason Colwick as the Indoor & Outdoor National Champion in Pole Vaulting). We have been home to hundreds of All-Americans as well as a notable number of Olympians and professional athletes, including Lance Burkman (Houston Astros), Buddy Dial (College Football Hall of Fame), Larry Izzo (New England Patriots), James Casey (Houston Texans), Ricky Pierce (1st round draft pick to the Detroit Pistons), Mike Harris (Houston Rockets), and Morris Almond (Utah Jazz).

This will be the second year Rice is home to Tudor Fieldhouse, replacing the famous Autry Court (aka the Jungle Gym because of the crazy atmosphere created by the consistently large crowd of students and lack of air conditioning until the 1990s) accompanied by a new coach, Ben Braun, who has over 500 wins in his 30 years of coaching. This nearly \$30 million dollar facility will join the Rice Football Stadium, seating 72,000 and Reckling Park, a popular attraction throughout Houston. So put down the books and come on out to cheer on your Rice Owls! Trust me, you'll end up with lots of free t-shirts...

## CLUB SPORTS

by Will Volgegesang, Martel '10

Club sports are a fun way for non-varsity athletes to still compete at a high level. Each team requires a different skill and commitment level. Most clubs travel to play other universities both in Texas and across the country, and occasionally even internationally. To get involved, talk to the team president or someone on the team. The club sports here at Rice are:

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| Aikido         | Fencing          | Sailing            |
| Badminton      | Judo/Jiu-Jitsu   | Shooting           |
| Baseball       | Karate           | Soccer (M & W)     |
| Basketball (M) | Lacrosse (M & W) | Tennis             |
| Crew           | Outdoor          | Ultimate (M & W)   |
| Cricket        | Paintball        | Volleyball (W)     |
| Equestrian     | Rugby (M & W)    | Water Polo (M & W) |
|                |                  | Wrestling          |



In addition to playing the sport you love, a real joy in club sports is friendship. The road trips and time spent on the field together lead to strong bonds and great memories. For new students, Club sports are the perfect vehicle to meet older students and peers from other colleges.

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Intramural and college sports are a great way to stay active and competitive without the commitment of playing on a club team. There are two kinds of intramural teams at Rice: those composed of people from one college (College League) and teams that you can form with people from any college (Open League). Both kinds occur in the same sport at different times of the year, so you'll never have to choose between Martel and your non-Martel friends. Powderpuff is by far the most celebrated inter-College sport at Rice (see below), but Martel also sports several teams in flag football, men's and women's soccer, floor hockey, basketball, and so forth. If it resembles a sport (like billiards), there's probably a team for it sometime during the year. There is even flag football and basketball leagues specifically for freshmen, so you guys better get ready to step up and represent. Each college receives points for how well it does in each College League sport, and the President's Cup is given to the college with the most points at the end of the year. IM sports are a fantastic way to meet people, REPRESENT MARTEL, and serve as good excuses to take a study break once in a while. Will you, new class of Martelians, be the next superstars to carry Martel to glory?



## POWDERPUFF

by Kristin Anderson, Martel '10



If Powderpuff is an unfamiliar term for you, please allow me to teach you a little lesson. Powderpuff is women's football and quite possibly the most popular and competitive college sport at Rice. Each college has the chance to challenge each other throughout the fall season, culminating in playoffs for the top teams at the end of the season.

And I will have you know that none other than your very own Martel dominated last season as the overall champions, undefeated. It was nothing less than very magnificent. Wally Kelm, the current Vice President of Martel, will continue to lead this fierce team of Martelians into another season of Powderpuff, continuing on the legend of Martel.

As a strongly bonded team, the Violent Femmes do fight (or play, rather) bravely to honor Martel. Behind the fierceness of the team, there is a ridiculous amount of fun, providing a great way to get to know a pretty spectacular group of girls with games, practices, and team events while getting a little bit of exercise. Don't worry if you can't catch, don't know what a cornerback is, or have never watched a football game in your life. You can still be a Martel Violent Femme! Plenty of us started out with no football knowledge, and now we know more about the rules and positions than a lot of our guy friends. Powderpuff is contact flag football, so there is no tackling but you can still run into each other, which leads to the occasional "pancake." Whether you have never touched a football in your life or were born with a football in hand, we would love for you to be a part of the team. And you have my complete permission to start training for the season now. GO MARTEL!

If you're anything like me, you like food. Good food. And now that you're at Rice, you're not exactly sure where to find it. Buffet-style servery food, for most, is only tasty for the first few weeks. After that, you might find yourself wishing for Mom's home-cooked meals again. Not to worry! If you're willing to spend some extra cash, here's a rundown of some popular places to eat and a few of my own favorites.

First, there's on-campus dining. The North (Martel/Jones/Brown) and South (Hanszen/Wiess) serveries are the largest and typically offer the best selection. There's also Lovett and Sid Rich serveries, which vary in quality. The newest servery, West servery, is opening in this fall (Duncan/McMurtry) and the quality has yet to be determined. Feel free to try them all out; you can eat at any servery with your meal plan. You can even browse the week's menus at <http://food.rice.edu>.



In the RMC near the center of campus, you'll find Smoothie King and 13th Street (a sandwich shop) along with some packaged snacks, sushi and bottled drinks. Across the hallway is Sammy's, which offers cuisine eerily similar to servery food—for a price. Downstairs is Pub, a popular nighttime hangout, with fresh, toasted Quiznos subs and pizzas. Also Coffeehouse and the Pavilion are available as fun, chill spots. Sadly, that's just about all that's currently available on campus.

On Saturday nights, serveries are closed and most students flock outside the three-mile border of Rice to the outside world. There are countless restaurants in The Village just west of campus. There you'll find Hungry's, Texadelphia (great for cheese-steaks), Chicken Kitchen, Jason's Deli, Le Peep (breakfast and lunch), Asian food, ice cream and more.

Head north on Kirby and you'll quickly find Chipotle, Ben & Jerry's, Subway, Wendy's, Burger King, Goode Company Barbeque, Chick-fil-A, and Hooters before you pass the highway. Follow Shepherd from Rice, make a U-turn to Greenbriar and you'll discover Freebirds World Burrito, Amy's Ice Cream, and Star Pizza.

Have a big date or want to go out for a more memorable dinner? Amazon on Kirby offers high-quality meals in an easygoing atmosphere. Carrabba's, also on Kirby, has amazing Italian food. For mouthwatering Tex-Mex, try Pappasitos, on the same road. Qin Dynasty on Buffalo Speedway serves delicious Chinese in an awing atmosphere, though it's expensive, and Black Walnut Cafe in The Village is nothing short of phenomenal.

If you're studying, writing a paper or \*cough\* partying late and want something to satisfy your hunger past midnight, put Domino's (which delivers until 2:00 am) on speed-dial. Buffalo Wild Wings in The Village is also open late and Taco Cabana just North of 59 on Kirby is open 24-hours. If you're willing to trek to The Galleria, there's a sizable Starbucks nearby open all day and night. Finally, there's Super Target (head south on Main), the one-stop place to satisfy all your supermarket needs. Be sure to stock up on the weekend for those unexpected hunger pangs.

Don't be afraid to try foreign cuisines for the first time or venture around the city on the hunt for a new restaurant. Houston has tons of great places to dine. Try a few of my suggestions. Bon appétit!

Chances are you'll end up moving off campus (we call it "O/C") at some point in your Rice career. Whether it be because of the undeniable appeal of your own kitchen or because of the limited space at Martel, you'll probably end up spending a year living off-campus. In my case, the move O/C was due to the room shortage, and though I was hesitant at first, I ended up really enjoying my year off campus.

The key to enjoying living outside of Martel is finding a reliable source of transportation. If you won't have a car, there are lots of apartment complexes situated along the Metro rail, which is free for undergrads, or you can always buy a bicycle (which is useful when you're on campus too) and use the daily commute as a way to stay in shape.

There are lots of benefits to living O/C. It's nice to have your own kitchen if you like to cook, and if you've never cooked before, there's no better time to learn. If you cook for yourself, living off-campus can often be less expensive than on-campus. And if cooking isn't your thing, you'll have a year to find all the best restaurant bargains, like the half-price pizza at Two Rows on Monday nights. Another nice thing about living off-campus is having more space. The bedrooms are generally bigger, as are the living rooms, which can come in handy for movie nights or watching Astros games with a big group of friends.

Sometimes it's easy to find yourself becoming one of the "deep O/C" kids that exist only as legend. A few easy ways to stay familiar at Martel are eating lunch there, whether you bring your own lunch or you buy one of the O/C meal plans. You can also come to Parliament meetings or attend study breaks, cookouts, or other events where free food is provided (which is always important when you're in charge of feeding yourself).

I've enjoyed my O/C experience. I liked the freedom of eating whenever I wanted, and I loved having a five-minute walk to the Rice Village. And even though paying bills and doing my own dishes wasn't been a total blast, it was a lot of fun having friends over for a game night or to try out a new recipe with. I promise that living O/C won't be as bad as you might think.

For more information on off campus living check out [www://offcampus.rice.edu/](http://www://offcampus.rice.edu/)



\*[Editor's Note]: If you live offcampus for an academic year, you are guaranteed three on-campus years at Martel.



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# THE ALLEN CENTER

by Kendall Hollis, Martel '10

The face of Rice's corporate institution. For your purposes, this is the home of the offices of the Cashier, Registrar, Payroll, and Financial Aid. In addition to these useful services – located primarily on the first floor – the President, Board of Trustees, Provost, and other officials hold their offices here. But what else is housed in this four-story complex – what mysteries are lurking in the hallways we never see? Only Dumbledore knows...



**Cashier** - This is where you pay off balances on your Student Account, and cash personal checks under \$50 in value. For those of you who pay a monthly tuition balance, you'll be visiting often. Note: irrationally, no ID other than your Student ID works here. Not even your United States Government-issued Drivers License or Passport.

**Registrar**- Considered by most to be a necessary evil, this is the place that you go to convert classes to Pass/Fail, change your schedule, and request transcripts. Whereas in the past you used to have to wait in line for hours to register (or do anything for that matter), most of the Rice registration now occurs online. Check out: <http://registrar.rice.edu/>

**Financial Aid** - This office handles all scholarships, loans and grants. Every student is assigned to a particular person in the office, so when you set up an appointment you will see the same person every time you visit the office. Don't hesitate to use this facility! Many students do not use it to their full advantage, but they can do wonders in finding ways to make Rice more affordable. If you are interested in receiving financial aid and are not doing so already, contact the office at 713-348-4193, and someone will assist you. For more information, visit <http://financialaid.rice.edu/>

# CAMPUS SAFETY

by Aaron Dunn, Will Rice '08

Rice has a couple of really unique aspects to college safety. The first is RUPD - these are the police officers that patrol only the Rice campus. They are a really awesome bunch of people. Because the police department is so small and because they all basically keep the same 'beat,' you will often have an opportunity to get to know several of these police officers (they often will share meals with students in the serveries, etc). If you do, you will find that their primary concern is your safety. They are very student-friendly. Also, the more that you know an officer, the better chance you have of being treated kindly if you are doing something irresponsible.



Stationed all around campus, there are a bunch of big poles with blue lights on the top and red buttons near the bottom. Pushing these buttons will get you in contact with an emergency dispatcher immediately, who can either send a police officer or an EMS provider. Another, more commonly used, form of emergency contact within Rice is 'calling 6000', or dialing 6000 on a campus phone (it's 713-348-6000 on a cell phone). This will get you in contact with the same emergency service. If you call 6000 for an alcohol or drug-related injury or medical problem, the dispatchers will not send police officers. they don't want people to get hurt because they are afraid to call for help.

REMS is the student-run EMS service. If you call 6000, they will be the ones who help you. They are a fully equipped emergency service (they even get to run through red lights and turn on their siren if they need to) and are usually the ones responsible for taking sick or injured Rice students to a nearby hospital.

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When you're in class one day and the guy or girl next to you suddenly looks down at his/her waist, jumps up, and runs out in the middle of the lecture, do not be surprised. This means that a few seconds ago, somewhere not far on campus, someone got hurt or very sick, the phrase "call 6000!" was uttered, and a dispatcher sent out a page to the Rice University Emergency Medical Services...

### The serious stuff:

• IF YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE IS DANGEROUSLY SICK OR INJURED, CALL 713-348-6000 (OR x6000 FROM ANY CAMPUS PHONE) IMMEDIATELY!!

• Put the Rice EMS number in your phone RIGHT NOW. We're 713-348-6000. It takes a few seconds, and you'll be happy to have it in your phone if you need to call us, RUPD, or night escort. I know it's easy to remember, but you never know what state of mind you'll be in when an emergency occurs.

• We are a nationally and state-recognized First Responder organization. This means that all of our staff are certified EMT-Basics, Intermediates, or Paramedics by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians and licensed by the Texas Department of State Health Services but, due to budget constraints, we do not have our own ambulance and use the Houston Fire Department to transport patients that need to go to the hospital.

• Rice EMS offers Advanced Life Support services. At least one EMT responding to each call will be able to administer advanced interventions including IV therapy, intubation, and advanced medications.

• We are NOT RUPD (Rice University Police Department). Although we use the same dispatcher and are organizationally a branch of the police department, RUPD WILL NOT respond to medical calls unless someone is a safety threat to the community, the EMTs, or themselves. So NEVER NEVER NEVER let any alcohol or drugs stop you from calling us (NEVER!). Additionally, all of the EMTs have been around the block and we're all non-judgmental when it comes to doing our job.

• Our services are FREE!

### Fun (but still important):

• Rice EMS is staffed by unpaid student volunteers who often have to pay out-of-pocket for our training classes. We do this because we really, really love doing it and we're excited to help you!

• REMS was founded by Rice students in 1996 and performed its first CPR save eight days after it began operations.

• If you're at all interested in patient care, pants with lots of pockets, scissors that cut through anything, running out of class when your pager goes off, and being part of a great service to Rice, the EMT-Basic class (offered every Spring) could be for you. REMS also offers an EMT-Intermediate class in the Fall and frequent American Heart Association CPR certification classes.

• For more information about our operations, history, command structure, education program, CPR classes, joining REMS, or anything else, check out our website at <http://rems.rice.edu> or talk to any Rice EMT (believe me, we LOVE to tell people about what we do).



# SHUTTLE SERVICES

To make travel across campus and to parking lots more convenient and safer, Rice University provides comfortable, air-conditioned shuttle buses that circle the Inner Loop and connect the Graduate Apartments, Media Center, Stadium, Annex building, and Greenbriar facility to the rest of the campus. Lift-equipped buses are available. The shuttle runs around the inner loop from 6:00AM until 10:45PM daily, although there is no weekend service. The Inner Loop shuttle stops include: Autry Court, the Baker Institute, Herring Hall, Baker College, Rayzor Hall, the Allen Center, O'Conner House, Duncan Hall, Keck Hall, the Student Center, the Jones Graduate School of Management, the Shepherd School of Music, and three shelters in the Stadium parking lot. There are also shuttles to the Texas Medical Center and the IBC Bank Building, as well as to Target and Fiesta on Saturday mornings and to the Village on weekends evenings.



For added safety, a night escort service is available seven days a week during the school year, so if you need a ride, call 6000 and they'll pick you up. Transportation Services operates the service Sunday through Thursday. On Sunday, the service operates from 10:00 pm to 6:00 am. On Monday through Thursday, the service operates from 10:30 pm to 6:30 am. On Friday and Saturday nights the Rice University Police Department provides service on request. More information regarding the Rice Shuttle system can be found at <http://parktrans.rice.edu/trans.cfm>

# HEALTH SERVICES

by Meghan Saumur, Martel '08

Every Rice student will at one point or another during their college career will either need treatment for an illness, need a vaccination, or just need a general checkup. This is why Student Health Services is here for you. Located in the old Brown college commons, Health Services has three physicians, two nurses, and one medical assistant to provide primary care services to all Rice students. The student health fee you pay before coming to Rice pays for any visits you make to the clinic and any basic testing you may need (such as urine pregnancy tests, mono-spot tests, rapid strep tests, etc.). Any additional costs can either be met by your own insurance or the student health insurance plan that Rice offers.



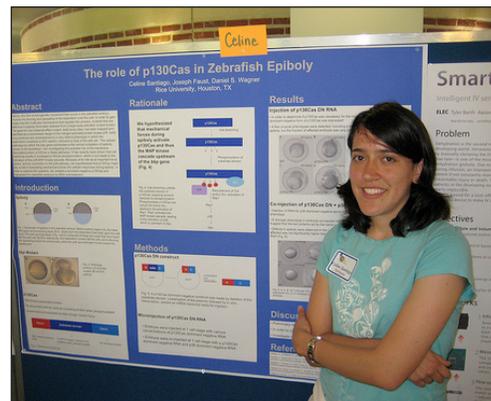
You can visit Health Services for physical exams, STD/HIV testing, vaccinations, sexual health or contraception information (including emergency contraception), cholesterol and diabetes screening, allergy shots, and a variety of other things (check out <http://www.rice.edu/health> for more info). Health Services is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and appointments are scheduled by dialing ext. 4966. For more serious needs and injuries or for health needs on the weekends and after-hours, students can go to any of the hospitals across the street from Rice like Memorial Hermann Hospital (on Fannin Blvd.) or St. Luke's Urgent Care (on Holcombe Blvd.). On-campus emergencies can also be met by calling Rice EMS at ext. 6000.

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The Martel Mentors is an honorary service organization devoted to the advancement of academic life within the college. Mentors are chosen based on their high level of academic achievement as well as their visibility and leadership at Martel. They are also chosen based on approachability, responsiveness, responsibility, passion, patience, and communication skills.

The Mentors discuss and determine the year-long academic goals for Martel. They then take the initiative to plan and organize activities necessary to meet those goals.

The Martel Mentors establish and coordinate academic assistance for members of the college through individual and group tutoring, review sessions, and "office hours." They advertise the availability of academic assistance, advise peers about time management and discipline-specific study skills, and keep up-to-date test files. The Mentors frequently work closely with the college masters to propose college courses, recruit college associates, and host guest speakers. Each member of the Martel Mentors is encouraged to maintain contact and share sources with similar societies at other colleges and to be familiar with the multitude of academic resources available throughout campus (e.g. Office of Academic Advising, Rice Writing Center, Language Resource Center, etc.).



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For most students, the college years represent unique challenges. It is a time of significant personal growth and decision-making regarding one's values, interpersonal relationships, career and other life goals, all within a stressful academic environment. The Rice Counseling Center is designed to complement the university's academic mission by assisting students' personal and educational development through a variety of psychological and psychiatric services. The goal of these efforts is to help students develop effective problem solving and decision-making capabilities in order to make satisfying life choices, and maximize their capacity for continued emotional growth. Counseling and Wellness also offer peer counselors who can help in your time of need. For more information, please visit the counseling website at <http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~rucc/>.

The Wellness Center offers a variety of services: acupuncture (free for your first visit, \$7 for subsequent appointments), a nutritionist (first three visits free), massage therapy, and Reiki, to name a few. Be sure to keep an eye out for special programs as well.

**Houston Crisis Hotline:** 713-468-5463  
24-hour telephone crisis counseling

**Houston Area Women's Center:**  
713-528-6798 - General information  
713-528-7273 - Sexual Assault Hotline  
713-528-2121 - Domestic Violence Hotline

**Rice University Counseling Center**  
301 Lovett Hall, Entrance A, 713-348-4867  
24 hour crisis intervention

**Student Health Services:** 713-348-4966

**Women's Resource Center:** 713-527-2813  
Ley Student Center offers information and referrals on local resources

**Emergency Information Hotline:** 713-348-6006

## STUDENT TAUGHT COURSES

by Kristen Hallberg, Wiess '10



The STC program started at Wiess college in the Fall of 2007 when the college offered 4 courses, taught by Wiessmen, for Wiessmen. The next semester, the program changed a bit when Wiess opened its courses to the rest of the university for enrollment. Fast forward a bit, and this semester we have 9 student taught course programs, each under the jurisdiction of a residential college's student taught course committee, as well as a university wide oversight committee. Over 25 courses are being offered this coming semester with an estimated enrollment of around 500 students. Enrollment is open to the entire student body, regardless of the college affiliation of the course and instructor. Rice now has one of the largest and fastest growing

STC programs in the country (along with Oberlin, UVA, Stanford, and UC Berkeley), and with the addition of two new residential colleges, this trend is sure to continue. Students must complete at least two semesters on campus before they are allowed to teach, but anyone can enroll in a course or serve on the committees, which strive to maintain the high standards and the integrity of the program at Rice. Our STC's are very unique to our university, and they serve as a great form of self expression, a way to build community, and a great source of... get this... "unconventional wisdom."

This fall, Martel is offering two student taught courses:  
**MART 126: Radio Journalism;** taught by Carina Baskett, Martel '10  
**MART 127: Turntables 101;** taught by Mark Hoffman, Martel '11

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Located between the Library and the Central Quad, the Raymond and Susan Brochstein Pavilion is one of the newest additions to the Rice campus. In its second year, the Pavilion encourages interactions between all types of people who come to enjoy Rice's beautiful campus. You can find an undergraduate doing work at a table on the outdoor patio, a group of graduate students discussing research inside the glass building, professors, faculty and staff holding meetings, and local Houstonians coming to take advantage of the beautiful vistas offered by the location of the Pavilion.



An alternative to the student-run Coffeehouse in the RMC, Brochstein offers a number of food and beverage choices in addition to the Dirk's coffee it serves. You can order sandwiches from the nearby restaurant Picnic, muffins of all flavors, yogurt, and many other things. Starting at 3 p.m. daily, those of age can enjoy wine by the glass.

If the modern-themed furniture (and plasma-screen TVs broadcasting news) inside aren't your style, the chairs and tables outside offer an alternative environment. Between classes, you are likely to see your friends walking from one side of the inner loop to the other; on weekends, local Houstonians often bring their dogs to play in the central quad. Check out the Pavilion when you get to campus -- and bring your parents! It's a friendly environment for anyone who enjoys good coffee, good conversation and a great view.

## STUDENT CENTER

Taken from the website

The Student Center serves as a gathering place for students, alumni, faculty and staff. The facilities that comprise the Student Center include the Rice Memorial Center (RMC), built through the generosity of friends and alumni and dedicated on Homecoming weekend in 1958. The Rice Memorial Chapel, built through the generosity of the Rayzor family, was dedicated at the same time. The Ley Student Center (LSC) was added later to the west end of the building through similar generosity by the Ley family in honor of their parents, and was dedicated in 1986. The Student Center offers educational, cultural and social programs fostering personal growth and development in a comfortable, clean and safe environment. The Center encourages student-directed activity, the free exchange of ideas, and appreciation of cultural diversity.

The Student Center is a gathering place for the campus where a sense of community can be developed among students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of Rice University. It provides the Rice community a clean, safe and comfortable place to pursue interests outside the classroom in a relaxing atmosphere. The Student Center houses many of the largest student-led, campus-wide organizations that help enrich Rice University.

As one of its priorities, the Student Center promotes student-led programming that fosters the appreciation of diversity in all its forms. The Student Center Development program empowers students from around the campus to interact and lead on a daily basis.

This building also houses 13th Street (our on-campus deli), Smoothie King, Coffeehouse (the student run coffee shop), Willy's Pub, Sammy's Cafe, and the Campus Store, which has a bookstore in the basement owned and operated by Barnes and Noble Bookstore. The RMC is currently the home of several university offices such as the office of Academic Advising, Study Abroad Programs, as well as club organizations including the Student Association and Rice Program Council.

The mission of the Rice University's Women's Resource Center is to increase awareness of and sensitivity to issues facing women in order to build a more supportive, dynamic atmosphere on campus. To provide opportunities for Rice University community members to educate themselves and encourage one another, the Women's Resource Center coordinates educational and social activities and programs. In addition, the Center offers information and support for groups and individuals that hold an interest in women's issues. By providing a setting for individuals to share ideas, engage in dialogue, and collaborate on programs, the Women's Resource Center encourages students to develop their leadership skills and to further their interpersonal, academic, and professional development.



The Women's Resource Center (WRC) offers many services. There is a book and DVD library available to students, and they offer information about women's issues, and provide free tampons and condoms, as well. For more information, check out their webpage at <http://women.rice.edu>.

## DISABILITY SERVICES

Taken from the website

The Disability Support Services (DSS) Office at Rice provides and facilitates support services and accommodations for all individuals with disabilities, be they students, faculty, staff, or visitors.

The goal of this office is to provide a barrier-free environment to the greatest extent possible. To this end, every effort is made to ensure that programs and facilities are accessible to individuals with disabilities by providing adaptive equipment, sign language interpreters, note takers and accessible housing. A student with a disability has a responsibility to contact Disability Support Services if he or she will need any accommodations when attending Rice.

It is advised that a student make contact with the director of DSS, Jean Ashmore, even if no accommodation needs are expected. Doing so will ensure that any future needs will be handled as quickly as possible.

Rice students who have injuries, surgeries, or other conditions that will temporarily restrict them on campus should contact the DSS office if some type of short-term assistance is needed. For more information, check out their webpage at <http://dss.rice.edu>.





## Center for Student Professional Development

The Center for Student Professional Development (CSPD), long known as the university's local branch of Résumés-R-Us, is undergoing some construction. It is located at O'Conner House, on the North side of campus near Jones College.

CSPD has always helped students market themselves—and their skills—to what many call The Real World. If internships, grad schools or careers (hence the name, fancy that!) are on your mind, this is your one-stop shop. Let CSPD's counselors or student advisors help you pick a major, craft your résumé, apply for a job or train for an interview, or fill up on free food while rubbing shoulders with recruiters at job fairs and other campus-wide events.

In addition to face-to-face interaction, the CSPD also offers technological support. The resources in the career library include online tests that decipher your interests, skills, and applicable course load to help you decide which positions and internships to consider. Additionally, CSPD offers RiceLink- a website that organizes career and intern listings. You can post your resume and other relevant materials on the website and schedule an interview with companies looking for new hires or interns. The wealth of information at Career Services can also help you find an opportunity to work abroad.

Look to your CSPD Advisors for events and activities related to the CSPD. Always remember that while freshman year seems so far away from graduation, proper planning through the CSPD can help you obtain the perfect job to complement your world-class education at Rice. If that's not enough, it's free. For more info: <http://cspd.rice.edu/>

## EMPLOYMENT

by Winnie Yu, Martel '09

Students at Rice have jobs on-campus either to earn extra spending money or to fulfill a part of their financial aid. Rice Work and Federal Work-Study are the two forms of student employment at Rice. Federal Work-Study is a part of student's financial aid and is need-based employment that is based upon a student's FAFSA results. Rice Work is an institutional student work program that is open to all students. Generally, the jobs available to students are not limited by which program the student works under.

Student employment opportunities are offered by certain administration and campus services and by all of the departments at Rice. Finding a job can be as informal as talking to a professor or department that you're interested in working with and then submitting a Student Personnel Action Form located on ESTHER. Job listings are also provided by Student Financial Services and can be found on individual department websites. On-campus employment is very flexible and allows students to work around their class and exam schedules. Most students only work 15 hours a week (or less) to allow plenty of studying or leisure time. Aside from covering educational or personal expenses, working also provides a way for students to gain practical work experience, explore different career interests and make job contacts. Additional information about campus employment can be found at: <http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~fina/CampusEnrollment/index.htm>.

If employment on-campus is too close to home or does not meet your interests, off-campus jobs are always an option. Flyers at the Rice Memorial Center and advertisements in the Thresher are good sources for locating outside jobs.



So, you've probably already read about Martel Parliament. The Student Association (SA) is kind of like Parliament, but it has a much broader scope than the college governments do. The SA has its own budget with its own projects directed more toward university-wide betterment. Think of it as sort of another college government, but that college is Rice University.



The SA's main function, which many people never see and therefore never realize, is to act as a liaison between the students and the administration (a.k.a. "The Man"). Whether it's giving student opinion to the Faculty Senate or pointing out ways in which the administration could improve/not screw up student life, the SA has your back. The faculty and administration generally care about what we have to say, too. If you ever have an issue that you think needs to be addressed, talk to Charlene Lo (your Martel Senator) or come to a meeting at 10 pm on Mondays in the RMC. There's lots of free food at the meetings if you need another reason to come.

The SA also does some fun stuff that you will get to see. We hosted a few events throughout the past year, including the first coordinated campus-wide tailgate at Homecoming and another before a baseball game in the spring. We printed up sweet "Tuck Texas" shirts so that we could be even more embarrassed when UT beat us 52-7. When the faculty refused to post the written comments from course evaluations, the SA went rogue and started its own course evaluation site. The faculty saw this and is now letting everyone see the only part of an evaluation that really matters to students. We even hit the streets and worked over local businesses to get you sweet discounts with your HedgeHopper card.

As new students, you will at some point be asked to be a New Student Representative (NSR). This is a great way to get to know what goes on around campus. It also allows you to have input into what happens in the SA. Sadly, the space for this article isn't big enough to say all that I want to say, so check out our snazzy web site at [sa.rice.edu](http://sa.rice.edu).

## CLUBS OVERVIEW

by Ted Wieber, Hanszen '09

The number and variety of clubs at Rice is as diverse and all-encompassing as the student body. Try really hard to imagine the most fantastic-sounding organization or activity one could possibly form a group around and, chances are, your imagined club already exists at Rice. There is truly no end to the extracurricular options you have here. You can write for the Thresher or DJ for KTRU radio; you can sing in an a cappella group like the Rice Philharmonics or the Low Keys; you can play a club sport like lacrosse, soccer, rugby, crew, or ultimate frisbee; you can join a variety of cultural groups such as the South Asian Society, Chinese Student Association, ADVANCE, Black Student Association or HACER (Hispanic Association for Cultural Enrichment at Rice); you can play chess, racquetball, Go, paintball, and you can juggle; you can join Spontaneous Combustion, Rice's improv comedy troupe; you can become a part of a religious organization; you can hone your public speaking skills with the Rice Toastmasters chapter; you can get involved with community service through RSVP (Rice Student Volunteer Program); and you can even get helpful insight into different career paths through a number of pre-professional organizations, such as Legalese or the Rice Pre-Medical Society.

And perhaps the best part of the Rice club scene is that it is extremely easy to get involved as a freshman! Rice's intimate size allows freshmen to make an immediate impact in clubs, very often in leadership roles. So don't be shy as you begin to settle in here: there is a whole world at Rice that takes place outside of the classroom!

For the complete, monster-sized list of clubs check out: <http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~stact/clubs.html>

Do you love Beer Bike, Esperanza, and Assassins? Don't worry you will! Rice Program Council (RPC) is responsible for organizing many social events on campus. Throughout the year we sponsor formal dances like Esperanza and Rondolet, holiday tailgates, and other fun activities. Other big events we organize are Screw-Yer-Roommate and Willy



Week. This past year, RPC even organized two large concerts in the central quad, The National in the fall and Ben Kweller in the Spring! Ask your advisors to explain these events – they are a lot of fun and you definitely won't want to miss out! RPC also purchases tickets for different sporting and entertainment events around Houston and sells them at subsidized prices for students. Each college has a RPC representative who relays event info to their college; Martel's is sophomores Marielle Schweickart & Fahad Punjwani so talk to them if you want the low down. A useful resource is the RPC calendar which contains all the public parties and social events on campus. It may be found on the SA website at <http://sa.rice.edu/calendar>. We hold regular meetings on Tuesdays at 9 PM in the RMC Miner Lounge. We are always looking for new members!



## MEDIA GROUPS

by Rachel Trube, Martel '07

**ktru 91.7fm  
rice radio**

KTRU, pronounced “kay-true” by those in-the-know, is the place where musically-inclined students, staff, faculty, and quirky community deejays come together to play their favorite music. It broadcasts across all of Houston via 91.7 FM on your radio dial (or across the globe via the website live stream). The format is everything you won't hear on any other radio stations in Houston and includes, but certainly isn't limited to, indie rock, funk, blues, electronica, Irish jigs, and chirping frogs. KTRU also hosts Battle of the Bands for Rice musicians, a spring music festival called the Outdoor Show, and other music-related events on and off campus. You can apply to be a DJ at the beginning of every semester.



RTV5 (“Rice Television Five”), broadcasts everything from news programming to variety shows to recordings of random events on campus. You can visit their website and request specific shows via their “Video-on-Demand” feature. If you're not about commitment but you want your 15 minutes of TV fame, drop by when RTV5 does their “24 Hour Show” (a day-long live broadcast from the RMC). And if cameras aren't your thing, then you can watch it on any on-campus television – no matter how short your attention span.



The Thresher is our only official student newspaper. A new issue is published every week and is available everywhere you go on campus late Thursday night. Inside you'll find news articles, a cartoon, opinion pieces, letters to the editor, important deadlines, sports headlines, arts & entertainment, a calendar of events, classifieds, Domino's Pizza coupons, and a tongue-in-cheek satire section fondly referred to as “The Backpage.” Read it all the way through or go a la carte.

If you don't just want to go home for spring break but you want to do something meaningful with your week of freedom, then you should consider applying for an Alternative Spring Break (ASB). Run by the Community Involvement Center (CIC), ASB trips are hosted by various student organizations (Rice Student Volunteer Program, Rice Pre-Med Society, Rice Outdoors Club, Humanitarian Medical Outreach, etc.) and go to all sorts of different places every year. You apply in the fall to however many trips you want after they're announced (you rank them in order of preference) and hear back within a few weeks. The domestic trips can go anywhere from California to New York, and there is one international trip that goes to Reynosa, Mexico. The primary purpose of each trip is service, be it by building houses or by shadowing doctors, but local excursions and group bonding are also a huge part of ASB that make every trip meaningful and memorable. Most people come back from trips with newly formed long-lasting friendships with students of all ages from all different colleges. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet people that you probably wouldn't otherwise have met.

One great advantage of the program is that it is relatively cheap, since the CIC only makes students pay a small portion of the total price of the trip, and the rest of the money is raised by the group. This might seem tedious at first, but fundraisers with group members can prove to be incredible bonding activities. Although you are encouraged to raise all of the money in time, there is always time after the trip to pay off your last deficits.

Past programs have involved: working with the Boys and Girls club in Chicago, working with children at a camp in Eagle Butte, South Dakota, helping to teach disabled children how to ski in Winter Park, Colorado, and working at a YMCA camp in the Redwoods in Boulder, California. Regardless of your own personal interests, you are sure to find an ASB in which you can actually make an impact in a community and have a really memorable and exciting time doing so.

For more information, visit the CIC website at <http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~service/programs/asb/asb.htm>

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As you may have heard, Texas doesn't have the best environmental track record. That doesn't mean you have to put your green sensibilities on the shelf! In the past few years, Rice has been the heart of some exciting environmental initiatives, like a Dorm Energy Competition (an inter-college contest for saving energy), Recyclemania (a recycling competition between universities nationwide), and a Sierra Club anti-coal campaign. Just last year, President Leebron signed the Presidents Climate Commitment, a pledge among university administrations to reduce their campuses' environmental impact!

Recycling at Martel is easy. Each room is equipped with a bright blue bin for recycling PAPER ONLY (this includes magazines, paper food packaging, and anything without heavy waxing or food residue). As long as this bin contains a blue bag, the custodial staff will recycle its contents. Make sure you don't accidentally throw in any non-paper material, or it all goes into the trash, and housekeeping will start using clear trash bags and treating your bin as a regular trash can! Each room also has a second, small blue bucket for storing glass, aluminum, and plastic bottles (not cups). Custodians don't recycle these, so you'll have to carry any non-paper recyclables to the tubs downstairs yourself. These are in the rotunda, game room, and at the bottom of each stairwell.

Want to get involved? Martel has an Eco-rep and an Environmental Committee. Contact Rachel Carlson at [Rachel.R.Carlson@rice.edu](mailto:Rachel.R.Carlson@rice.edu) if you want to help out! You can also make a difference by joining the Rice Environmental Club, Rice Student Green Building Initiative, or the SA Environmental Committee.



## MARCHING OWL BAND (MOB)

by Justin Lin, Will Rice '11

So you're at a Rice Football game. Halftime arrives, and you see people in suits running out from the sidelines, screaming at the tops of their lungs. You may be wondering: WHAT IS GOING ON??? Is this a band?!?! The Rice University Marching Owl Band, better known as The MOB, is anything but your traditional marching band. For starters, they don't march or wear traditional marching band uniforms. Instead, they dress up in the coolest pinstripe uniforms and the most uniquely-decorated fedoras you've ever seen and skip, run, amble, or 'scatter' onto the field and into formation.

In addition to your "traditional marching band" instruments, The MOB is also known to feature a slew of non-traditional instruments, including strings, keyboards, electric guitars/cellos/violins, handmade instruments, kazoos, and many others! Also, The MOB plays many fun tunes, including "U+UR Hand," "Carry on my Wayward Son," Themes from "The Simpsons," "Indiana Jones," and much more!

The MOB's unique halftime shows have even gained national media coverage! Each show satirizes current events ranging from University events, to pop culture, political figures, and opponent mascots. MOB halftime shows gain their special flair from the Show Assistants, a section of The MOB that doesn't play instruments but instead uses a variety of costumes and props to bring the script to life. At a MOB halftime show you could see Michael Phelps evading a rampaging horde of crazed fans!

There are bound to be people at your college that are members of The MOB, so be sure to cheer them on during halftime! Or even better, feel free to jump in and join us in celebrating the end of the school week with a cheer around Willy's statue every Friday right before noon, or join us for a few games!

If you want to learn more about The MOB, check out our website at <http://mob.rice.edu>



Rice offers a multitude of opportunities to get involved in service and volunteer work both on campus and around Houston. Most service organizations meet once a week, and volunteering with a group is great way to not only get to know the Houston community, but is also a wonderful way to network and meet people you might work with closely later at Rice or after graduation.

Rice's umbrella service organization is the Community Involvement Center (<http://cic.rice.edu/>). The CIC develops one-time and ongoing service programs, advises student service organizations, and serves as a resource for students, faculty, and staff interested in community service and service-learning. The Rice Service Council (RSC), which consists of twelve Rice students from across campus, works with each individual organization by promoting cross-organization communication and leadership development (for example, the Council will be hosting a leadership retreat this fall).

During the beginning of the year, they were will be plenty of information regarding these groups that will be posted around campus, and there will also be fairs that will allow you to get familiar with these groups and decide which ones you may want to be involved with.

Below is the most current list of service organizations on campus. Many other organizations not listed below also have components of service within a larger framework of other activities. Links to the respective websites and contact information can be found on the CIC site.

- ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union)
- ADVANCE
- American Red Cross
- Amnesty International
- Best Buddies
- CDF Shout
- Colleges Against Cancer
- Egyptian Queens
- Engineers Without Borders
- Environmental Club
- ESL Tutoring
- Habitat for Humanity

- Microfinance
- One-on-One Tutoring
- PAIR (Partnership for the Advancement and Immersion of Refugees)
- REACH
- Rice Women's Resource Center
- RPMS (Rice Pre-Medical Society)
- RSVP (Rice Student Volunteer Program)
- Sewa International
- Sierra Student Coalition
- Student Engineers Educating Kids
- WARM

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# CULTURAL GROUPS



Rice is one of the most diverse campuses around. Having said that, there are a bunch of clubs on campus that focus on this rich and cultural environment: Black Student Association (BSA), The Chinese Student Association (CSA), HACER The Hispanic Association for Cultural Education, South Asian Society, The National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), Caribbean Student Society, Korean Student Association, The Muslim Student Association, Vietnamese Student Organization, Rice Taiwanese Association, Pride, The Native American Student Association (NASA), Mexican and Latin American Student Association at Rice (MESAR), Black Graduate Students Association, Egyptian Queens, NAACP: Rice Chapter. Make sure you visit one of the fantastic annual and semi-annual cultural shows.

## THEATER

by Hadley Burroughs, Lovett'12

So, you're interested in theater at Rice? You've come to the right place because no matter your level of experience or area of interest (acting, directing, teching, costumes, pit orchestra), Rice has something for you. The best thing about Rice Theater is that we've got three levels of theater, from College theater to the Rice Players to the Rice's Visual and Dramatic Arts (VADA) department.

If you're interested in less time-consuming, lower-key musicals or plays, and just want to have a good time and meet people interested in the same things, take a look at College theater. Each semester, each college generally puts on its own play or musical, and sometimes they even put on student-written shows. Some examples from last year are Martel's "I Took My Gun and Vanished" (student-written), Wiess' "West Side Story," and Lovett's "Cabaret," to name a few.



The Rice Players are a bit more bigger-budget and a little more professional than college theater. Being a university organization, they have their own Rice budget and are student-run. They also put on one show a semester, although these are usually not musical.

Lastly, VADA puts on several shows per year as well. This is where you go if you want to learn how to act, direct, tech, etc. They bring in guest directors, and after auditions these shows can actually be taken for credit hours.

Are you a fitness buff? Whether it be running, swimming, weightlifting, yoga or sports, the rec center is your place. Not a fitness buff? No worries. There are a number of ways to stay in shape and ward off that infamous Freshman 15...or 20...or 30.

You might not know it, but you're incredibly lucky. You'll be getting here just in time for the opening of our brand-spanking new facilities (opening in November '09). The new building is going to be just over a 100,000 square feet of everything you need to burn some serious calories. It will include two pools, both a competitive and leisure pool. That's right, a pool built just for you to lay around and be lazy. Or if you don't want to be outside, hang out in the lounge area and play some pool. There are also basketball courts(indoor and outdoor), racquetball, tennis, and multi-activity courts. These are complimented by brand new weightlifting equipment in a comfortable setting. What's more comfortable than treadmills each mounted with its own LCD TV? All you need is your Rice ID to get you in. You can even use your ID as a pass to rent equipment for any sport you might want to play.

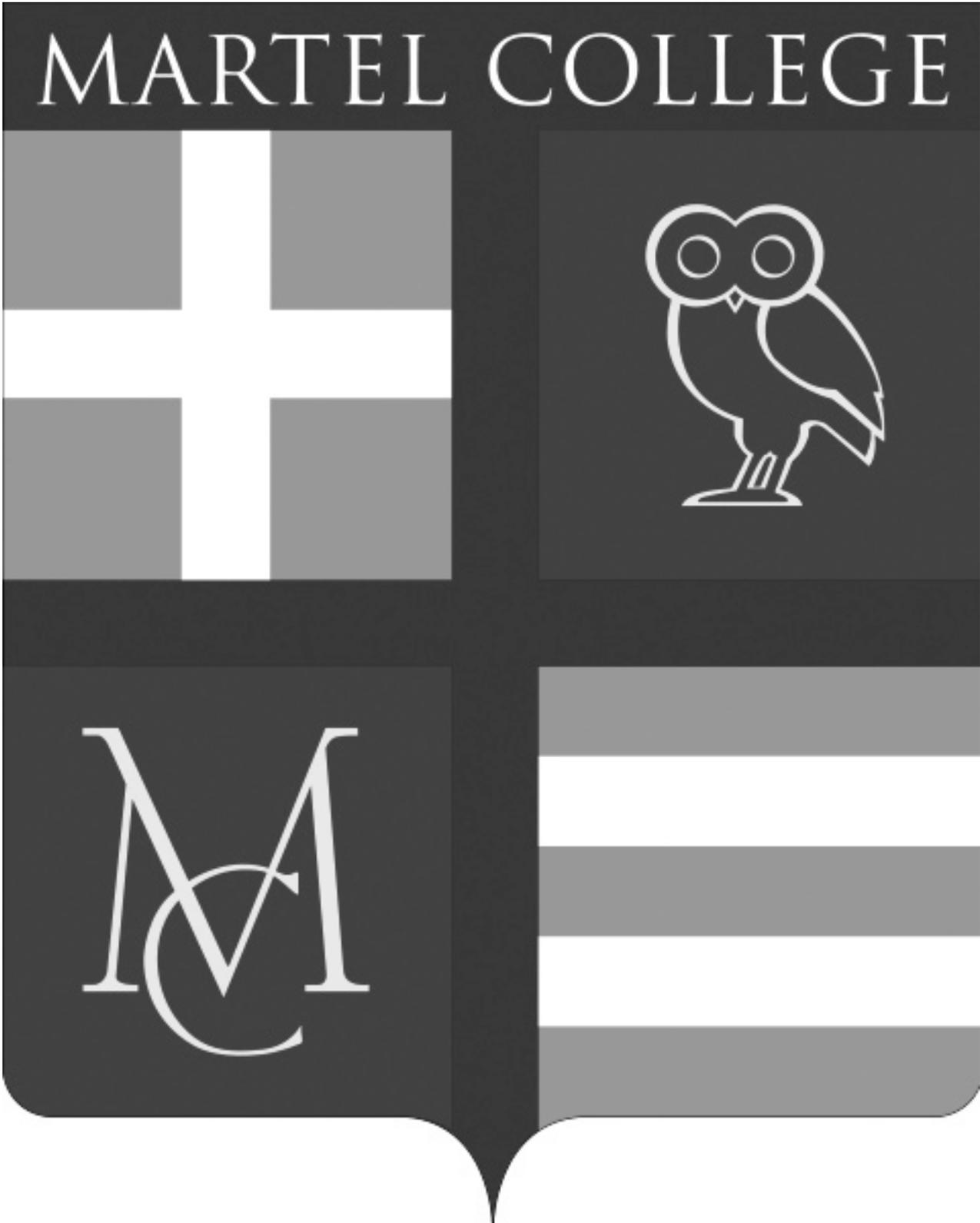
Don't think you're restricted to exercise inside the rec center though. The incredibly beautiful campus is surrounded by a community favorite 3-mile running track (known as the Outer Loop) where you're guaranteed to run into another Rice student at almost any time of day. There is also the Inner Loop within campus, about a mile and a half, that you can run around as well. Actually, the entire campus is so beautiful you could just run in random directions throughout all of Rice if you like.

The Rec also offers incredible prices for group fitness classes including yoga, pilates, kickboxing, water aerobics, athletic conditioning, and even specialty classes like boot camp and martial arts training...plus so much more. The best part is that, for the first week each semester, all fitness classes are FREE! That's right. Come try before you buy, and if you want...take one of my classes!

Okay great, but I've never used a weightroom or exercised in my life!? That's fine! The rec center also offers free weightroom orientations where an employee(possibly myself) will take you on a tour and explain how to use a number of different machines and other elements of the gym. Or if you want a more personal experience, you can hire a certified personal trainer to get you started, and if you choose...let me train you!

Try to find something you enjoy. Rice is a tough school, so give your racked brain a rest and relieve some stress at the gym. Grab your iPod and get moving!





MARTEL COLLEGE  2009 YO-HO-HO-WEEK

# RICE SPEAK

**45, 90, 180:** Three slabs of granite in the engineering quad worth 3 million dollars. Meant to show the relationship between art and science. They once sank into the asphalt in the stadium parking lot.  
**5-5-5:** Many a college student's favorite numbers when hunger strikes late at night.

**Academ:** Humanities or Social Sciences major. Wakes up after 11am and writes (BSes) papers over 25 pages long.

**Academic Quad:** Sacred ground, residence of William Marsh Rice's tomb and statue. Feel free to sunbathe.

**Add/Drop:** What you do when you wish to drop COMP 210 or ELEC 241 and enter SOCI 386, POLI 209 or LING 200. You have a whole 10 weeks after classes begin to decide.

**Africa:** The most widely known a cappella song on campus.

**Aggies:** Folks from Texas A&M who say Howdy and have shaved heads.

**Alcohol Policy:** We have one because we have a wet campus (a privilege). Under 21? Don't do it.

**Alcohol Probation:** Bad news. What happens when students forget the Alcohol Policy.

**All-Nighter:** You curse yourself a little, turn in your assignment and climb into bed. You've been up for 26 hours straight and you don't know how you let things get this out of hand, but chances are, you'll do it again.

**Archi (ar-KEE):** Architecture student. They never sleep and hang out in Anderson Hall, where the lights never go off.

**Archi-Arts:** Costume party in late Jan/early Feb put on by the sophomore Archis to raise money for their Paris trip. Unlike any party you've ever seen.

**Associate:** Faculty, staff and community members crazy enough to be associated with Martel College and your O-Week group. Get to know them. They're cool.

**Autry Court:** Home to the Rice Basketball team.

**Bacchanalia:** Brown's Toga party. Togas, grapes, wine, cheese, decadence and debauchery. Just how Bacchus liked it. Held the weekend immediately following Beer Bike.

**Backpage:** Thresher's home of Misclass (student submitted Freudian slips overheard) and breaking news stories. The important ones. Really, they're true!

**Backyard:** All that lovely green space back between Martel and the Hedges.

**Baker 13:** (1) Group of Barbasol exhibitionists who streak across campus on the 13th, 26th and 31st of each month, leaving body prints on every glass pane in sight. Halloween and April 26th (Senior Run) have the biggest turnouts. (2) A Rice Philharmonics song.

**Baker:** The college that thinks they're from hell. Baker residents will be living in Duncan next year.

**Beer Bike:** The best weekend of your life. Three races (alumni, women, men) involving 10 chuggers and 10 bikers each. It's not a sport; it's a religion. Do, die, or get disqualified.

**Beyond the Hedges:** Outside of Rice. Where you go permanently after you graduate. Also something whose existence is often forgotten by Rice undergrads.

**Big Three, The:** MATH 101, CHEM 121, PHYS 101. Potential freshmen hell unless AP credit saved you. Required of S/Es.

**Blow Off:** To find something to do more fun than homework... like a root canal.

**Blow Off Class:** A class you signed up for just to have enough hours to register. You go. The first day. Maybe.

**Booting:** (1) Blowing Chunks, Spewing/Hurling, Chunder Biscuits, Driving the Big White Bus, Praying to the Porcelain God, Projectile Vomiting, Tossing Yer Cookies, Yawning in Technicolor. (2) What RUPD does to your car when you get too many parking tickets. It makes your car not go.

**Bron (Bron):** An affectionate name for President David Leebron. See also: Leebron, President

**Bunny Grades:** Mid-Spring grade report for freshmen. See also: Pumpkin Grades.

**BW3:** Buffalo Wild Wings. Located on Rice Blvd. in the village, it's a good place for delicious wings. No one really knows where the 3 comes from.

# RICE SPEAK

**Campanile:** (1) Rice Yearbook. Free with the price of tuition. (2) A huge bell tower behind engineering quad. (3) A road behind the engineering buildings. Straight shot between Martel and the IM fields.

**Chem Lec (Keck Lec):** Lecture hall above graduate student pub (Valhalla). With 285 seats, it's the biggest lecture hall on campus.

**ChBE (pronounced Chubby):** Chemical and Biomolecular Engineer. They work a lot and grow up to play with oil or dangerous chemicals.

**Cheap Date Night:** Monday nights. The Angelika charges \$6 for a movie, popcorn, and a drink. The ladies love it.

**Chipotle:** Good burritos. Cheap. They give us free stuff sometimes. Free drink with your ID on Saturday nights.

**College Night:** Once a semester, Martel only, themed, all day drinking, fun and games. Starts at about 9 AM. Then, early to "bed".

**Commons:** Where we eat and do other stuff. Martel has the best looking one around.

**Computer Blue:** Martel Freshman Flag Football audible. Play and you'll find out what it means.

**Conference USA:** The athletic conference that Rice belongs to last year, playing teams such as Tulane.

**Convenience Store:** Located in the RMC; home to 13th Street Deli and your usual junk food needs. Also has things like batteries, Tylenol, and a 4000% price markup.

**Cougar High:** Cross-town "competition". Also know as the University of Houston (or Yoo-Hoo for short).

**Crash:** The biological result of an all-nighter. Don't fight it... just skip class.

**Date:** Normal people go on these when they like each other. If you're confused, ask a transfer student about them. Rarely occurs at Rice.

**Dead Week:** Four days before finals start... no homework or classes, Whoopee!! Or you can study during this time if you see fit (or are in Orgo class).

**DiffE (diffy):** Differential Equations. A difficult upper level math course at Rice, known for it's entertaining teacher.

**Disci Pro (diss-ee-pro):** Disciplinary probation, the penalty of no life: just classes. Behave, or you get it.

**Double E (Elec):** Electrical Engineer. Good for fixing broken TVs, microwaves, etc. Has little to no free time.

**Douched:** To be doused with water. Usually from someone on the top floors of Sid.

**Duncan College:** New college right next to Martel.

**Eight-o'clocks:** To be avoided at all costs. Don't fool yourself into thinking you can get up on time. Besides, your bed is much more comfortable to sleep in than a lecture chair.

**Elec:** See Double E.

**Email:** Electronic mail. Your new best friend. Much cheaper than long-distance phone calls and a lot faster than (though sometimes just as unreliable as) the postal service.

**Esperanza:** The formal that is held in the fall of each year. The girls ask and pay for the entire date (if you're lucky). Means "hope" in Spanish... Hope for what? Hmmm...

**Extension:** Recommended for Academ classes. Your prof understands you have other classes to attend to. Not as easy to come by in S/E classes.

**Fews, Arthur and Joan:** First Martel masters.

**Fiesta:** Has every grocery item ever created at low prices. You want proof? They have MSG.

**Food Run:** What you do at 2 AM when you're starving and managed to find \$0.99 and someone to drive.

**Forman, Dean (Robin):** Dean of Undergraduates.

**Freshman 15:** Blame dorm food, blame stress, blame the dog, but really, it's called hormones and growing up. Some students attempt to avoid this by jogging the Outer Loop daily.

**Frey, Jeff and Stephanie:** Martel RAs. Sometimes you will see Jeff sitting outside his room shining his dress shoes. He will gladly shine your shoes too, as long as you stay and talk to him. See also, Samson.

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**Galleria:** A supermall with Macy's, Lord and Taylor, an ice rink, Nieman Marcus, Cheesecake Factory, and more.

**Garden:** A small plot in the Backyard with a few benches. Great for freshmen service hours.

**Gibbs Recreation Center:** Newest addition to the Rice campus, opening in November 2009, recreation center with 50 meter Olympic sized pool, among other new stuff.

**Gibson, Alana and Brian:** Martel RAs. Be sure to stop by their place on the 4th floor and say hi! See also Sidney Viscious.

**Grad House:** The only Rice-sponsored housing nicer than Martel. Down the road from Rice. There is a separate shuttle for this stop. Make sure you don't get on it unless you are trying to hang out with grad students.

**Hanszen:** Ah, yes. The college with cheers worse than your high school's.

**Health Services:** Are you sick? Do you need a check-up? You can find the trusty Rice doctors in the building located right next to Brown.

**HedgeHopper Card:** Card listing all the places that the SA got to give us discounts. You usually don't need the physical card to get the discount. It's more for reference.

**Hermann Park:** Across the street from campus on South Main. Big, nice park complete with zoo, small lake, screaming children, a golf course, playground and vagabonds. There's also a cool outdoor theatre (Miller Outdoor Theatre) that has fun productions and concerts all year long for free. There's even a MetroRail stop there!

**Hook Up:** To become very familiar with someone you lust after. It has various levels of interpretation.

**House of Pies:** Late night food run and hangout destination.

**HUMA:** Class S/Es love to hate. They learn more about Homer than Academs.

**ID Card:** Don't leave home without it, or you won't be able to get back home. It is your meal card, library card, sports ticket, and entrance into buildings. Do not lose.

**Inner Loop:** One way street that runs inside campus. The shuttle makes stops here. A good 1.5 mile jog.

**Ironman/Ironwoman:** One who chugs and rides during Beer Bike. Our heroes.

**Jack:** 1. Practical Joke. Pulled on other colleges during O-Week and Willy Week (the week before Beer Bike). Usually leads to retaliation. 2. Getting kicked off campus for your junior year (getting "jacked off") via a lottery. 3. The name of the sweet, baby goat that Martel acquired during its first Willy Week.

**Jerry, Michelle, Dylan, Kyle, Ryleigh:** The masters at Martel. They live in the best house at Rice, go visit them! They love to have company.

**Jones:** Our "friendly" neighbors. No, they're cool, really. *Really*. Please believe us. And they have great parties. *Really*.

**Kitchen Staff:** Your lovable staff that makes your food every day in the servery. Be nice. As a joke, they once locked students in the servery and left.

**KTRU (91.7 FM):** Rice radio. 50,000 watts of pan banging.

**Labbie:** Grad student (and sometimes undergrads) who help you out in your science labs and speak no English (well, the undergrads do).

**Lacrosse:** By far the coolest sport with the coolest club team.

**Lake Martel:** The portion of Virgin's Walk that floods with each rainstorm. It's the reason that you need those waterproof shoes.

**Leebron, President:** President of Rice University. Lives in the awesome house on the corner of Sunset and Main with his family.

**Library, the Martel:** Across the hall from the PDR, currently has about 7 books. Good place to study or hang out.

**Louie, Louie:** Rice's unofficial theme song. Sometimes thought to be the only song the MOB knows.

**Lovett:** The concrete toaster that is home to Casino Night.

**LPAP:** Lifetime Physical Activity Program. It's the nice way to say PE at Rice.

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**Makeup:** 1. Gift from your prof if you oversleep. 2. Something Rice women give up using after about a week.

**Maria:** Martel's Magnificent College Coordinator. Your friend. Love her.

**Martel:** Your glorious new home. Best rooms on campus; largest percentage of beautiful people. 10% more (ask your advisors).

**Matriculation:** A somber event in which you are officially inducted into the university, involving Sallyports and college cheers.

**McMurtry College:** The new college that will join Duncan as Martel's new neighbors in the North.

**Mecom Fountain:** Big fountain down the street from Rice, near the museum district. The place to be on your 21st birthday.

**Meet (Meat) Sheet:** The Newcomer's Guide with all the new students pictured; upperclassmen's bathroom buddy.

**Miller Outdoor Theater:** Place to go for free shows (dance, opera, plays, etc.). Right next to the Houston Museum of Natural Science and only a few minutes walk from Martel. The cheapest place to take a date and still seem cultured.

**Misclass:** See Backpage.

**MOB:** Marching Owl Band. Even if you have no musical talent, you too can be a part.

**MPS:** Member of the Preferred Sex.

**Mud Soccer:** A Martel tradition in our quad when it rains insanely hard.

**Mudd Lab:** Largest computer lab on campus. Also houses the largest printer on campus.

**Musi:** A music student; not as weird as most assume. Tendencies to move deep O/C after a year or two on campus. Be nice to them and go to their concerts.

**NOD (Night Of Decadence):** Scantily-clad-people party at Wiess. Once rated as one of America's top 10 best college parties by Playboy Magazine.

**NOI (Night Of Innocence):** Sid's pre-NOD party featuring cartoons, cereal, cookies and milk. Wear your PJs.

**O/C:** Off-campus. As opposed to "on-campus". No, it makes no sense to me either.

**Orgo:** Organic Chemistry; buck up little fella. If you try real hard, you won't fail EVERY test. This is probably the most complained-about class at Rice.

**Outer Loop:** The dirt sidewalk that circles campus that lots and lots of people run on. A good 3.1 mile jog and the quickest way to walk to the Village from Martel. Common anti-Freshman 15 tool.

**O-Week:** Orientation Week for new students at Rice. Held one week before the first day of classes. The best week of your life.

**Owls:** 1. Rice's mascot. 2. High school seniors who visit Rice, mostly during Owl Weekend. They stay with students in their dorm rooms.

**Parking Jack:** Some seniors fight annually for a parking space in a closer parking lot. Not that the stadium is far..

**Parliament:** The governing body of Martel. You can serve on committees and go to meetings without being an elected member. NOTE: Parliament meetings always have free food. FREE FOOD.

**PDR (Private Dining Room):** Interviews, meetings, and hors d'oeuvres are generally held here. Looks down over the commons. Also a good place to study.

**Powderpuff:** Women's football. The biggest sport on campus. The best way to meet other girls from your college, support Martel, get a good work-out and tan, and show all those know-it-all boys that they're not all that. What more could you ask for? First practice is the first week of classes.

**Pre-Med:** 1. The ones in your Orgo class who actually care about getting an A. 2. Those who destroy the curve for everybody else. 3. Those who'll be making a lot more money than you one day.

**Problem Set:** Weekly assignments known to drive an S/E to madness. Don't leave them till the last minute.

**Pub:** Undergraduate watering hole. Weekly Thursday Night Scamfest! Wednesday night is trivia night!

**Pub Night:** Official beginning of the weekend (Thursday night).

**Pumpkin Grades:** Newcomers' grade reports sent out around Halloween. These are the first grades released of the year.

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**Q-Card:** Card that gets you on the lightrail for free. Works for the Metro Bus system, too.

**Queso:** The cheap, late-night nectar of the gods. See also: Food Run.

**R2:** Rice student run literary magazine. Read the poems, they're pretty.

**Rally Club:** A 70-year old Rice club involving cheap refreshing liquids, vulgar songs, underground meetings, and white overalls. See them directly behind the opponent's bench at any varsity event.

**Rice Chorale:** A place where anyone can sing. Get an hours worth of credit easily.

**Rice Ratio:** Ratio of guys to girls. In reality, 1:1, although at parties it doesn't always feel like it. Girls, it's in your favor... take advantage of it!

**RMC (Rice Memorial Center):** Home of the Coffeehouse, Campus Store, Smoothie King, Willy's Pub, a chapel and more. If you ever don't know where something is on campus, try here first.

**Room Jack:** When some people get kicked off campus junior year, aka "getting Jacked Off."

**ROTC (rot-see):** Naval Officers in training that get up at ungodly hours and wear cute uniforms every Tuesday.

**Rotunda:** The huge spiral staircase near the commons; includes the circular lounge areas on the first floor and a fabulous sun deck on the second floor.

**Rustication:** Harshesht penalty Rice delivers short of expulsion. You can still come to classes, but otherwise, you can't set foot on campus.

**Sally Club:** Female version of the Rally Club, but with a lot more class.

**Sallyport:** (1) That big arch in Lovett Hall that you will walk through after matriculation and hopefully back out of at graduation. Martel is the only college on campus that has its own. (2) Area of Martel where the 4 coveted freshmen hexes are located. (3) The name of the University magazine your parents will get.

**Sammy the Owl:** Rice's mascot. Once took down the Baylor mascot.

**Sammy's:** Expensive café in the RMC. Use your ID card to get better food than at the colleges.

**Scamming:** A reconnaissance mission for an MPS. Major pastime at the pub.

**Samson:** The awesome dog who resides on the third floor with Jeff and Steph. AKA Sammy, or Sam.

**Scho-Pro (Scholastic Probation):** What happens when your GPA drops below 1.67. You get one semester to pull it up or bye-bye Miss American Pie.

**Screw Yer Roommate (a.k.a. Screw):** A night when you set your roommate up on a really awkward blind date. It's great fun and produces great stories.

**S/E:** Science and Engineering major. Generally does lots of work. Tend to narrowmindedly disparage academics.

**Sid Richardson:** Used to be the "youngest college"... now fiendishly jealous of us.

**Sidney Viscious:** The pug who resides on the fourth floor with the Gibsons. Can be spotted around dusk taking a walk in the Martel-Jones vicinity.

**Squirrel:** Freakishly overweight rodents known for stalking students on their way to class. Give them raisin bran and they'll love you forever.

**Stadium:** 1. 75,000 seats of pure sporting excitement, built in the 50s. It has hosted events such as a Super Bowl, JFK (for *the* Moon speech), Pink Floyd, and George Strait's Country Fest. 2. Where you have to park your car. 3. Somewhere really far away.

**Stude:** Pronounced Stoo-dee, this is one of the nicest concert halls you'll ever see. It's located in the Shepherd School of Music and houses performances by students and professionals alike.

**Study Rooms:** Better places to study than your room. Located on each floor of Martel, they are a lot closer than the library. The library also has some study rooms of its own.

**Sun Deck:** Large patio on the rotunda where you can study, hang out, or catch some rays, even in February.

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**TC:** Stands for Taco Cabana. Think “college student’s budget”. See also: queso

**Target (tar-zhé):** A great place for all of your college needs. If you can’t find it at Target, you probably don’t need it.

**Team Wiess:** Uncreative cheer followed quickly by “SUCKS!”

**Tetra Points:** “Cash” on your ID card. Can be used at the Pub, Sammy’s, Convenience Store, and College Kitchens.

**TGs:** 4-6pm select Fridays. Celebrate the end of the week with food and drink.

**Thresher:** Rice’s weekly student newspaper.

**TRAN 100:** Generic course credit for classes taken at other universities. See the Registrar’s office to get this changed to something more useful like WILL 100: “How to Kill a Dragon”.

**Tudor Fieldhouse:** Old recreation center, also houses Autry Court where the Basketball team plays.

**U-Bangee:** When Wiessmen throw you down and jump on you. Once again, their lack of creativity in personal expression is painfully evident. Don’t ever ask what one is or you might get one.

**Ultimate:** Ultimate Frisbee; best played at midnight on Founder’s Court. Or in the mud.

**Valhalla:** Grad student pub under Keck. Open all year, serves cheap beer. Usually the hangout for the 12-hours club.

**Value Village:** Except for the fact that it’s filthy and gross, it’s an excellent thrift store. It’s a great place to get costumes for 80s party, College Night, Archi-Arts, etc.

**Vator:** (n) Elevator. Yes, we’re too lazy to say the whole word, especially when the door is about to close and you’re on the outside.

**Vector:** Multivariable (Vector) Calculus. Think triple surface integrals and the del operator. (Yeah, it makes no sense to me either).

**Viking Table:** Eat with no hands. Wear napkin hats.

**Village, The:** Yuppie shops down the street from Rice. Great food for Saturday nights.

**Violent Femmes:** The name of the Martel Powderpuff team. See also: Powderpuff.

**Virgin’s Walk:** The lifeline that connects the North colleges to the rest of the university. So named because way back Brown and Jones were all female colleges. Ask your advisor what it means to kick all the lights out.

**Walk:** Your prof has 15 minutes to show up for class, or you get to do this.

**Walk of Shame:** Heading back to Martel in the wee hours of the morning wearing your clothes from last night.

**War Pig:** The Wiess mascot. The only pig to have ever flown (during Beer Bike 2004). A misspelled “Wiess” on its side prompted much laughter when it flew during Beer Bike 2006.

**Will Rice:** The college that takes all IM sports and Beer Bike way too seriously. Will be living in McMurtry next year while they’re building is being renovated.

**William Rice’s Marsh:** A play on the name of our founder to express what happens after it rains. Bring your snorkel.

**Willy’s Statue:** Hot place to meet your Screw Yer Roommate date. Sit in Willy’s lap before you graduate.

**Y’all:** You all; a much better use than the phrase “yous guys”. Learn it, use it, love it. It’s inevitable.

**ZZZs:** 1. Something you’d better get before you come to Rice. 2. Something you’ll get a little of during the year (see also ‘all-nighter’).

# SPECIAL THANKS

O-Week is a pivotable moment in the lives of Rice students, one that will always be remembered! We're honored to have been chosen as this year's O-Week Coordinators for Martel and we are loving every minute of putting together an experience that is both great and memorable to you all. However, organizing O-Week is not a simple task by any means and requires many people in order to plan and execute. Yo-Ho-Ho-Week would not have come to existence without the help of several Rice faculty, staff, and students, and we would like to take a moment to thank them all for all their hard work.



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Kevin, MK, & Steven  
Martel 2009 O-Week Coordinators

