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## MANY US TRADITIONS REPRESENTED IN FALL HOLIDAYS



*International ladies decorate Christmas wreath at SIR luncheon.  
You can learn more about SIR on pg. 8*



*Children of Rice Internationals learn how to "trick or treat" at Halloween*

Fall brings many memories of fun holidays and traditions to mind. Through some OISS programs, we try to help celebrate some of the special times with you. For example, last October, we taught some children of Rice international students and scholars about what it means to "trick or treat" on **Halloween**. There were lots of smiles from the children and Rice employees, as we visited a few offices on campus that were waiting with candy for the little visitors who had dressed up in costumes for the fun.

Community volunteers hosted another wonderful **Thanksgiving** luncheon for the Rice internationals last November. Although it was the first time we experienced rain during the luncheon, we just had even more opportunities to get to know one another, as we sat cuddled inside the OISS lobby and under the walkways. We were reminded of the many things for which we are thankful.

The December's monthly networking luncheon, hosted by community volunteers for international ladies, included providing the opportunity for the women to make their own wreath as a **Christmas** decoration to their home. The OISS lobby was filled with the holiday spirit, as each



*Tushar Prasad and friends enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner hosted by a community volunteer.*

person had the opportunity to choose from a room full of decorations to make their own unique work of art.

To learn more about holidays in the USA, you can visit US Department of State's information: <http://usinfo.state.gov/usa/infousa/facts/symbols/celebrat.pdf>

# A Letter From the Director:

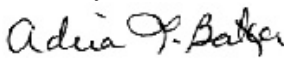
Welcome, international students and scholars, to a new academic year at Rice! As I'm sure you have heard, Rice begins a new era of leadership. David W. Leebron began as the 7th president of Rice in the summer of 2004, and we are looking forward to his moving our school forward with continued excellence.

In order to achieve excellence in a university setting, an international influence is vital. At Rice, emphasis on US students studying abroad has been a strong focus in the last years. Further, a university with strong international perspectives relies on the international visitors who come to study and conduct research with us. That is why you, international students and scholars, are very important to our school. As an example, you represent 14% of the overall student body, which is a significant percentage for many schools.

Please take time during your very busy semester to participate in some of the many activities offered during the semester throughout the campus. For example, there are many student clubs for people with many different interests. The Office of International Students & Scholars (OISS) has some programs, which especially focus on helping the new arrivals get settled in.

If you have questions about immigration responsibilities, US culture, an academic situation, or other issues, do not hesitate to contact the OISS for an appointment with an advisor. Our office is there to do all in our abilities to support our invited and special international students and scholars. I am so fortunate to have the opportunity to work with you and hope to get the chance to get to know each one of you during your stay at Rice.

Sincerely,



Adria L. Baker, Director

Office of International Students & Scholars

## RICE WORLD

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## VISITING A LOCAL SCHOOL

### PLAN FOR CULTURE FAIR

Mark your calendars for February 18, 2005. The event is sponsored and administered through an undergraduate student club that encourages multicultural awareness. Without the participation of the international students and scholars, the Culture Fair would not exist. Plan now to show artifacts from your country, and teach others the wonderful aspects of your culture.



*Indian Student Association at Rice (ISAR) Culture Fair 2004 Winner*

Rice's OISS and St. Mark's, a local private elementary and middle school, have enjoyed seven years of collaboration. During the month of January, St. Mark's celebrates its annual International Festival, where students conduct an intense study about countries around the world, and Rice internationals also participate.



*Dr. Daniel Chavarria, postdoctoral researcher, teaches his fifth year about his home country, Costa Rica*



*Medhat El-Nahas, a Ph.D. student of MEMS gives a highly interactive and interesting presentation on Egypt.*



## WHAT INFORMATION IS REPORTED & TRACKED BY SEVIS?

SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System) is the database used by the Department of Homeland Security to track international students and scholars on F and J visas.

SEVIS tracks all the biographical data listed on the I-20 or DS-2019 form, as well as the information regarding the program the student or scholar is pursuing. Other data SEVIS tracks are the student or scholar's local and foreign addresses, work authorization, semester registration, full-time/part-time student status, and I-94 documentation.

The data most frequently updated in SEVIS includes:

- Student/Scholar local U.S. address – updates received electronically from changes made in Esther

- Registration update - submitted every semester by information received from the Registrar.

- Full-time/Part-time status – updates received electronically from the Registrar (*remember that part-time approval must be received prior to dropping courses*)

- Work authorization (CPT/OPT) – submitted upon meeting with OISS advisor \*\*

- Change of major – updates received electronically from the Registrar \*\*

- Change of level - updates received electronically from the Registrar (*remember to meet with an OISS advisor to provide updated financial documentation*)\*\*

- Completion of program before date listed on SEVIS form – updates

received from student/scholar, HR, or department. \*\*

- Financial information updates – major changes in financial support must be provided by student/scholar \*\*

- Extensions of stay – updates requested by student/scholar or department\*\*

- Transfer – updates requested by student/scholar \*\*

\*\* If any information that is listed on your I-20 or DS-2019 changes, you will need to obtain an updated SEVIS form from OISS to be in full compliance.

Having accurate information in SEVIS will keep you in compliance and in status.

**Remember: Maintaining your immigration status is your responsibility!**

By Sandra Bloem,  
SEVIS and Departmental Administrator

## TRAVELING ON A NONIMMIGRANT VISA



### Sneak Preview – Foreign Affairs Manual

The Department of State (DOS) has posted its manual on guidance for advising its officers in following laws dealing with nonimmigrant visa holders. Get the “inside scoop” by visiting: <http://foia.state.gov/marterlocs/09fam/0941062N.pdf>

### U.S. Embassies & Consulates Around the World

Procedures and office hours vary from country to country in US Embassies and Consulates. Be sure to check out information on the office you will visit when applying for a visa. This information changes often, so refer to it often. The link to all US Embassies and Consulates is:

[www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov)

### Third-Country National (TCN) Visa Applications

Applying for a visa in a third country is **not recommended**. It can be very risky to go to Mexico or Canada to apply for a visa stamp, because if it is denied the TCN must depart from there and return directly to their home country. Certain countries require additional security clearance.

To enter Mexico, you need a visa, even if you are just going to the border. Plan for 10 days, in order to get a Mexican visa. Appointments in the US consulates in Mexico and Canada must be made in advance. For more information, visit: <http://travel.state.gov/tln.html>.

### Entering and Departing the USA

All consulate visits and ports of entry require a personal interview. With the integrated computer systems, it is possible to see what questions were asked of the visitor at the consular visit by the port of entry authorities. The same

questions will most likely be asked, as a way to verify the authentic identity of the visitor.

The US VISIT program is in its first phase, requiring: 1) fingerprints, 2) digital photos, 3) verification of document, and 4) access to the Consolidated Consular Database (CCD). The second phase will include compulsory check-out, which will be fully implemented by 12/31/2005. Although the reports of this program have been good in Houston, there are still challenges to be worked through, while it is being implemented.

## H-1B GAP

There is concern that soon the H-1B cap will be reached for October 2004 - September 30, 2005. Fortunately, university faculty, staff, and researchers are not subject to the cap. However, caution is advised for those transferring on the H-1B to an industry position, as you are subject to the cap. For more details on the H-1B cap, visit [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov).

## IMPORTANT ADDRESS REMINDERS

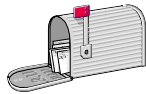
Please remember that when you move, you must update Rice with your new local address information. If you are on an F or J visa, you must also have your information updated in SEVIS.

To comply with the address laws, please follow these steps:

- a) Go to <https://esther.rice.edu>
- b) Login to your account
- c) Click on "Update Addresses and Phones"
- d) Update the information in the

"Mailing Address"

- e) Click on "Submit"



f) OISS will then receive an electronic update of your address that will be submitted to SEVIS.

\*\* **Important Note:** The information the OISS receives from the Registrar or HR regarding local addresses comes from the "Mailing Address" field. If you update the "Permanent Address" field, the OISS will **NOT** receive that information.

\*\* If you are not on an F or J visa, and you are not reported through SEVIS, please remember to complete the AR-11 form found here: <http://uscis.gov/graphics/formsfee/forms/files/ar-11.pdf>

## QUICK REMINDERS

- Change of visa categories- notify Payroll, if you are getting paid a salary or stipend. Always notify OISS, too.
- Change of level or major (students) - bring proof to OISS to update I-20 or DS-2019 within 10 days.
- Change of address - update in Esther system within 10 days, and AR-11 if not in SEVIS.
- Traveling outside US - get I-20 or DS-2019 signed in OISS.

## THE UNSUNG HEROES: ORIENTATION VOLUNTEERS

"Do you have enough help?" "Do you need more volunteers?" "I can volunteer for the orientation program, please let me know when do you need me?"

These were the sweetest voices I had heard before and during the orientation week. Many of you, the student volunteers and spouses of the students, were god-sent and came to our rescue over and over again. You helped us in set up, clean up. You walked the students to luncheons and accompanied them to DPS for Texas I.D. You filled in so much vital information in your own native languages so the new students became clear of the much confusing information and handouts in flux to them in these first days. You answered endless questions tirelessly and patiently. You picked them up from the airport, fed them and even took some students to your apartment for overnight stay when they first arrived. You come to share your experiences in the orientation so that your fellow students would have an easier start at Rice. You have become such a faithful friend to many who are new to Houston and to Rice. You know who you are, and to you, we owe a million thanks.

Lily Lam M.Ed., L.P.C.,  
Associate Director, OISS

## J-1 HIGHLIGHTS

J-1 visa holders should check to see if their visa stamp states that they are subject to the two year home residency requirement: 212 (e). Often times, the Department of State (DOS) makes a wrong determination. The best way to know for sure is to request an Advisory Opinion of the DOS. An Advisory Opinion can be requested by making an appointment to see Lily Lam or Adria Baker.

Often times, the DOS does not make the Exchange Visitor (EV) subject to the two-year rule, but should. This can be problematic, if the EV wishes to change to another nonimmigrant visa status in the future. In this case, it also is best to get an Advisory Opinion early on during your stay in the USA, and have it clarified. This way future plans are not unexpectedly interrupted.

If the DOS determines that you are subject to the 212 (e), you may choose to return home and serve the two years as a part of completing your "exchange", or apply for a waiver.

Instructions on the J waiver procedure can be accessed at: [http://travel.state.gov/visa/tempvisitors\\_info\\_waivers.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/tempvisitors_info_waivers.html)

For more information on J-visas visit: <http://travel.state.gov/jvw.exchange.html> and <http://travel.state.gov/visa.exchange.html>.

## USCIS ASSISTANCE

### ON-LINE AND BY TELEPHONE

The US Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) office provides information:

- Immigration forms – 1) On the agency's Web site - [uscis.gov](http://uscis.gov) 2) By calling the National Customer Service Center (NCSC), 1-800-375-5283.
- Check the status of an application filed with a USCIS service center - Go to [uscis.gov](http://uscis.gov) and select Case Status Online\*. Please note that the times are only approximations.
- For general immigration information - Contact the NCSC at 1-800-375-5283. (If they do not know an answer to your question, you can insist upon speaking to a supervisor).

\* **Caution:** Sometimes the message might be wrong. Let us know if it is an extremely wrong message and we will send an inquiry to the Texas Service Center.

### ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT

International students who work on campus must have the I-9 completed in Payroll. The maximum amount of time that you may work is 20 hours (total per week) during the semester and 40 hours during holidays or vacations.

Important note: if you have a fellowship or stipend, and get another job on campus you must speak to an OISS advisor to insure you do not work more hours than are authorized.

## FOREIGN BROADCASTS AVAILABLE

On your own computer from Rice, you can log into SCOLA, thanks to Rice Language Resource Center (LRC), and hear and view broadcasts from your home country, or other countries outside the USA. Scola is only available on campus, as the LRC has a yearly subscription for Rice faculty, staff, and students. Visit <http://lang.rice.edu/scola>.

“SCOLA is a non-profit educational organization transmitting international television programs for educational use via satellite. SCOLA digitally transmits three channels : Channel One: News; Channel Two: Documentaries & Entertainment; and Channel Three: Chinese (PRC) Programming. Channels One & Two include programs from nearly seventy countries. All programs are shown unedited and in the original language.”

“SCOLA’s mission is to help the people of the world learn about one another; their cultures, their languages, and their ideologies. SCOLA emphasizes the importance and effectiveness of modern information technology as a tool in overcoming barriers to global understanding and will remain at the forefront of its application.”



would not prevent me from driving to the post office to mail a letter. In fact, it didn’t, but it prevented me from getting home. A distance between the parking lot and the street was 4 yards, a drive through a puddle, or so it seemed. But when I drove through it, the front of my car suddenly started sinking, slowly and steadily. It was like in one of those movies where a bad guy drives his car into a lake. Except it was me, and I didn’t understand what was going on. All I realized was that the motor stopped running and had disappeared completely, and water was now running into the car through the door. So I jumped out and waded back to the post office. Fortunately, I was a member of AAA (<http://www.aaa.com>). I always carry their card with me, and 30 minutes after calling their road-side assistance help was there. It took two towing cars to get my car out of that 2-foot deep ditch in which I had run, hidden by the water. Then, they towed my car to a nearby garage where I had it repaired. Adria motivated me to write down my

## Driving in the USA

*Written by Dr. Roger Karrer*

Sure it was Friday, and sure it was raining cats and dogs. But sure it

lessons for my fellow international students. My first lesson is: don’t drive in the heavy rain, unless you really have to. Streets in Houston are prone to flooding, and if you believe that you can see what is underneath the water, you may just be wrong. Second, I was very happy to be a member of AAA.

There is nothing more valuable than knowing who to call for help in such an emergency. While I waited for help, I could calm down and recover from my shock. Also, because I knew the towing was free of charge, I didn’t try to start the motor. Had I tried, I would certainly have caused damage of at least \$1000 to the engine and the transmission.

Therefore I recommend you to consider joining AAA. In addition to the roadside assistance and other advantages, your AAA card gives you discounts for car rentals, motels and hotels, etc. I certainly saved more money with these discounts alone than the \$50 annual fee. Plus, it was very valuable for me in this emergency. Wishing you a safe and dry driving in Houston

*Dr. Roger Karrer, citizen of Switzerland is a Postdoctoral Research Associate in the Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering*

## Subscribe to OISS Listserves

### oiss-announce

You’ll find out about free tickets, social activities, important immigration updates and requirements, and other special issues of interest to internationals at Rice.

To subscribe, please visit: <https://mailman.rice.edu/mailman/listinfo/oiss-announce>

### oiss-market

You’ll be able to buy and sell, find transportation for trips, and communicate with other internationals at Rice.

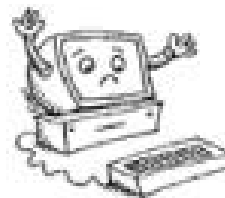
To subscribe, please visit: <https://mailman.rice.edu/mailman/listinfo/oiss-market>

### oiss-forum

A forum for discussion of topics ranging from good restaurants to good dentists. Here is also the place to engage your peers in a friendly discussion of current issues and world events.

To subscribe, please visit: <https://mailman.rice.edu/mailman/listinfo/oiss-forum>

To **unsubscribe** from any of the above lists, you may visit the same website and follow the instructions listed at the bottom of the page.





## PHOTO CONTEST INVITES INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



### **Attention International Graduate, Undergraduate and Exchange Students!**

The Office of International Programs want to see your photos of the USA!

The International Programs Photo Contest, held in the Spring semester, will now include a special category, "The US through International Eyes," that's just for you! So start snapping those pictures, and let Rice see what the "US experience" has been for you.

Winning photos will be displayed in an exhibit in the spring semester, and there will be prizes involved!

More information to come.

**Who:** International graduate, undergraduate and exchange students

**What:** The US through International Eyes category of the International Programs Photo Contest

**When:** Second semester, more info to come

**Where:** Office of International Programs, Ley Student Center

**Contact:** Vicki Seefeldt West, Assistant Director for International Programs, vickisw@rice.edu. (Results of previous photo contests may be viewed on the International Programs website

<http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~abroad/>)

*Vicki Seefeldt West  
Assistant Director  
International Programs*

## WELCOME TO TEXAS, Y'ALL!

International students and scholars are among the busiest people around. However, it is clearly important that you take time to relax and see some of Texas, this huge state where you reside.

Texans tend to have a unique view of their state. Most likely it is due to the fact that Texas is so large (you can travel 13 hours by car and not leave the state). Further, we pride ourselves in the fact that Texas is the only state in the United States that voted itself to become a part of the Union. (Perhaps, humorously, Texans feel they can vote themselves out!) Jokingly, at the OISS orientation, we tell our newly arriving international students that they need two visas: One for entering the USA, and another to enter Texas.

You are encouraged to order a **free Texas State Travel Guide** and discover typical places you have never heard of. The guide divides the state into seven regions, and describes the cities, towns, lakes, forests, maps, history, recreation opportunities, scenic areas, visitor bureaus, tourist attractions, and more.

You are encouraged to request your free copy by ordering on line:

[http://www.traveltex.com/tr\\_guide.asp?SN=5308108&LS=0](http://www.traveltex.com/tr_guide.asp?SN=5308108&LS=0)

or call: 800-8888-TEX

Or write to: Texas State Travel Guide  
Texas Department of Transportation  
Travel Division

P.O. Box 131009

Austin, Tx. 78714-1000

And visit:

The official website for Texas tourism is: [TravelTex.com](http://TravelTex.com).



## DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK?

**Christmas International House** has opened its doors since 1965 to meet the needs of international students who are unable to go home for the winter break. Its overall goal is to function as a peacemaking program, in an effort to improve relations among people of the world. It serves as outreach to new international students to the U.S.A. who want to share the holiday season with a family and see a different part of the U.S.A.

Applications need to be submitted by early October. Visit

[www.Christmasih.org](http://www.Christmasih.org)



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**International Friendship Ministries (IFM)** hosts five tours especially for international students, scholars & their families. These are budget tours, priced right for internationals, and include homestays, so that the international students can experience American culture and family environment to the fullest. They charge a low fee for the tours, because they are hosted by churches on location. Families have the opportunity to show hospitality. Check out their website at [www.ifmusa.org/tours/](http://www.ifmusa.org/tours/) for more details and online registration.

# International Student Enrollment By Country/Region - Fall 2004

Albania	2	Ghana	2	Paraguay	2
Algeria	1	Greece	9	Peru	3
Argentina	6	Guatemala	3	Philippines	2
Australia	4	Haiti	1	Poland	5
Austria	2	Hong Kong	8	Portugal	1
Bangladesh	3	Hungary	1	Romania	13
Barbados	1	Iceland	1	Russia	19
Belarus	4	India	91	Saudi Arabia	1
Belgium	1	Indonesia	7	Senegal	1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3	Iran	6	Singapore	5
Brazil	5	Ireland	1	Slovenia	1
Bulgaria	6	Israel	3	South Africa	2
Burma	1	Italy	11	Spain	5
Canada	42	Jamaica	3	Sri Lanka	1
Cayman Islands	1	Japan	8	Sweden	1
Chile	3	Jordan	1	Switzerland	1
China	174	Korea (South)	39	Taiwan	18
Colombia	3	Lebanon	3	Tanzania	1
Costa Rica	1	Lithuania	1	Thailand	1
Cyprus	2	Malaysia	1	Trinidad & Tobago	6
Czech Republic	1	Mexico	22	Turkey	27
Denmark	3	Morocco	1	Ukraine	2
Dominican Republic	2	New Zealand	2	United Kingdom	15
Egypt	4	Nigeria	3	Uruguay	2
El Salvador	4	Norway	1	Uzbekistan	1
Ethiopia	1	Pakistan	4	Venezuela	12
France	6	Panama	1	Vietnam	3
Germany	16			Yugoslavia	3

## Totals:

Enrolled non-immigrant students: **690**  
 Countries/Regions represented by students: **83**  
 Graduate international students: **591**  
 Undergraduate international students: **99**  
 New international students for Fall 2004: **175**

## Did you know?

... The international students make up approximately **14%** of the overall Rice population?  
 ... We had **292** foreign visitors and scholars conducting research and lecturing at Rice during the past year?  
 ... Rice international students and scholars represent **89** countries/regions?

**TOTAL: 690**

## Calendar of Fall OISS Events

### September 29, Wednesday -

1:00PM-2:00PM

### September 30, Thursday-

3:00PM-4:00PM

Practical Training Workshops on OPT and CPT; OISS Lounge.

**October 1, Friday**- English Class sign-up, OISS lounge, 10:00 - 10:45 AM.

**October 2, Saturday** - Institute of International Education (IIE) hosts family and friend picnic at typical Texan ranch (watch for details on OISS - announce).

**October 5, Tuesday** - Immigration Seminar Sylvia Graves, Immigration Lawyer, 4:00-5:30PM, Sewall Hall Room 301

**October 6, Wednesday** - SIR luncheon (see page 8), OISS lounge, noon - 1:00PM.

**October 20, Thursday** - Career Services/ Louma Ghandour, OISS lounge, 4:00-5:00PM.

**November 3, Wednesday** - SIR luncheon, OISS lounge, noon - 1:00PM.

□ **November 14-20, 2004. U.S. International Education Week includes:**

□ **November 21, Sunday** - Typical Thanksgiving Luncheon 1-3PM; OISS lounge. Hosted by a community volunteer wishing to share well-wishes and happy holidays to Rice internationals (ticket required for luncheon).

**December 1, Wednesday** - SIR luncheon, OISS lounge, noon - 1:00PM.

**February 18, Friday** - Culture Fair - 12:00PM-4:00PM Grand Hall, Ley Student Center.



## SIR (SPOUSES

### OF INTERNATIONALS AT RICE)

S.I.R. (Spouses of the Internationals at Rice) began this semester in September with a special welcome by Y. Ping Sun, wife of President Leebron. Community volunteers provide lunch, and a unique opportunity for Rice ladies to meet, relax and network. The meetings for SIR are the first Wednesday of each month (October 6, November 3, and December 1). Please encourage your spouse or any women internationals (students, scholars and dependents) to come to these luncheon meetings. If you like to know more about SIR, call the OISS x6095.

This bi-annual publication is designed specifically for the needs of Rice international students and scholars. Please take time to read it.

## FREE ENGLISH & CULTURE CLASSES

**General Sign-Up** : Friday, October 1, 2004 from 10:00-10:45am in the OISS Lounge

**\*\*Beginning English Conversation** (held weekly) Teacher - Sarah Bauer. Class: Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:00am in OISS Lounge. Begins October 7, 2004

**\*\*Advanced/Intermediate English Conversation** (held weekly) (2 Identical Classes). Teacher - Catherine Spain. Class: Wednesdays in Meyer Lounge in the Ley Student Center.  
Class I : 1:15 to 2:15pm.  
Class II : 2:15 to 3:15pm.  
Begins October 6, 2004

**\*\*English Idioms & Slang Class** (held weekly) Teacher - Herb Craft. Class: Mondays from 12:00 to 1:00pm in OISS Lounge. Begins October 4, 2004

**\*\*Grammar & Pronunciation Class** (held once a month) Teacher - Chris Sneller. Class: First Tuesday of every month in OISS Lounge from 12:00 to 1:00pm. Begins October 5, 2004

**\*\*Movie & Culture Class** (held once a month) Teacher - Chris Sneller. Class: Third Tuesday of every month in OISS Lounge from 12:00 to 2:00pm. Begins October 19, 2004



## JUST FOR FUN

*In the USA, we enjoy poking fun at ourselves. Thanks to anonymous authors and multiple email forwards, we invite you to laugh with us.*

### Only in USA. . .

1. ... can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.
2. ... are there handicap parking places in front of a skating rink.
3. ... do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.
4. ... do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet Coke.
5. ... do banks leave both doors to the vault open and then chain the pens to the counters.
6. ... do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.
7. ... do we use answering machines to screen calls and then have call waiting so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.
8. ... do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.
9. ... do we use the word 'politics' to describe the process so well: Poli' in Latin meaning 'many' and 'tics' meaning 'bloodsucking creatures'.
10. ... do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.

## FREE IMMIGRATION SEMINAR

Don't miss the opportunity to hear what an immigration attorney has to say about recent laws affecting Rice international students and scholars. Attorney Sylvia Graves is an expert on consular affairs who can give vital information that affects foreign nationals' travel and visa application.

**Speaker:** Sylvia Gaves;

**When:** Tuesday, October 5, 2004

**Where:** Room 301. Sewall Hall

**Time:** 4:00-5:30PM