Today we all scream for . . .
It's gonna be a warm day today and that's perfect weather for hanging out, solving psets and eating a little ice cream. We start scooping at 3:30pm in front of Ryon Lab. Everybody in the GRB School of Engineering—faculty, students and staff—are invited. Engineering clubs and organizations and a few guest organizations will be there with information about what they can do for you and how you can get involved. They'll be selling engineering T-shirts, too, for $5 and $10 (bring cash). We're running a bus from the BRC starting at 3:15, so I'd like to see a good number of bioengineers in the crowd, too!

We deliver!
How about those food trucks? After several comments by grad students about there not being any food for them on campus in the evenings, Susann Glenn, the communications manager for FE&P and Ann Swain, director of the Faculty Club, went to work. Next thing you know, we have a different food truck on campus every week night and they seem to be doing a roaring business. There's even a web page with info about the trucks. See http://dining.rice.edu/mobiledining.aspx.

Thanks, Susann and Ann, for helping to fill this need!

Houston:
We had Liftoff!
We got a great group of freshmen to participate in RCEL’s Engineering Liftoff on Saturday. About 180 freshmen, a large number of upper classmen and a number of faculty and staff spent the afternoon on team building, solving problems posed by OUTWARD BOUND, then heard an inspiring message from Professor Rebecca Richards-Kortum, Chair of Bioengineering. Winning the competition was a team called The Fantastic Four with team members Raul Martinez, John Chen, Nuwan Herath and Yueyan Zhu. They were coached by Ramon Bocanegra. Congratulations to you all! You can see a video from the event at https://vimeo.com/48244745. Great job, RCEL folks!
Welcome, new faculty!
I’d like to introduce our two new faculty members to the school: Isabell Thomann and Jacob Robinson. Both are assistant professors and both are in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. If you see them in the hallways or at the ice cream social today, please welcome them to Rice!

Congratulations to Ann Saterbak, professor in the practice of bioengineering education, who has been named a fellow of the Biomedical Engineering Society. She was recognized for her "significant contributions to the field of biomedical engineering education through the development of innovative laboratory courses and problem-based learning modules and for her leadership in engineering education." Great job, Ann!

Maria Oden, has been invited to attend National Academy of Engineering’s Frontiers of Engineering Education conference in October. This is a great opportunity for Maria to make connections with other leaders in engineering education and to tell them about the success of the OEDK! Maria is professor in the practice and director of the OEDK.

Just for you, grad students!
Like the food trucks, RCEL’s Research Screech is especially for grad students. Put together a 90-second summary of your research and win some cash! Sign up by September 7, then work on your pitch until the event on October 4. We will recognize the best “screech” from each department! See http://rcel.rice.edu/screech for more information and to register!

Some special events coming up:
We have some special events coming up for faculty and students. First, the BRC and the deans of natural Sciences & Mathematics, Technology and Engineering at the University of Houston are sponsoring a special event for female faculty, "Understanding the Entrepreneurial Landscape: What Women STEM Faculty Need to Know." The event is September 28 at the Hilton on the UH campus. All Rice female faculty are invited to attend. For more information, see http://engineering.rice.edu/uploadedFiles/School_of_Engineering/EntrepreneurEventUH_Rice2012.pdf and you can register at http://www.egr.uh.edu/research/entrepreneurial_landscape/.

Undergraduate students who want to do research should attend the Discover Research Fair in the RMC Grand hall this Thursday, 5-6:30pm. Learn about how to get involved in research at Rice and about international research programs like NanoJapan, DAAD RISE and more.
The Office of Fellowships and Undergraduate Research is also holding an interview workshop for students applying for major fellowships and scholarships like the Rhodes, Marshall, Fulbright, etc. this fall. This will be in Miner lounge on Wednesday from 4-5pm. Register at http://tinyurl.com/c4drs7e.

Here are this week’s events:

**TODAY**

**CAAM**
Richard Tapia, Rice CAAM
“The Isoperimetric Problem Revisited: Extracting a Short Proof of Sufficiency from Euler’s 1744 Proof of Necessity”
3pm in 1064 Duncan Hall
[http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=18242](http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=18242)

**Dean of Engineering**
School of Engineering/RCEL Ice Cream Social
3:30 pm in front of Ryon Lab
[http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=18390](http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=18390)

**STAT**
Christine Peterson, Jamie Ramos, Yanxun, graduate students
Shared Talk: “Network Inference Using the Bayesian Graphical Lasso with Informative Priors”
4 p.m. in 1070 Duncan Hall
[http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=17785](http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=17785)

**FRIDAY**

**CEVE**
Shane A. Snyder, University of Arizona
“Potable Water Reuse: Trends in Treatment, Monitoring and Health Assessment”
3:45 p.m. in 201 Ryon Engineering Building
[http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=18315](http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=18315)

**Dining with the Dean for Undergraduates**

**Sept. 12: BIOE**
RSVP by Monday, Sept. 10

**Oct. 3: ChBE**
RSVP by Monday, Oct. 1

**Oct. 24: CEE**
RSVP by Monday, Oct. 22

**Nov. 20: CAAM**
RSVP by Friday, Nov. 16
Sept. 6
CS Back to School Luncheon
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=18388

Sept. 18
New Professors Lecture
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=18392

Oct. 4
Research SCREECH
http://rcel.rice.edu/screech

Oct. 10-14
Rice University Centennial Celebration
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=18398

October 10
Research Screech winners lunch with Dean Thomas

Oct. 12
REA Outstanding Alumni Presentations
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=18325

School of Engineering Centennial Reception
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=18328

Have a great week and I’ll see you at the ice cream social this afternoon!
Ned
Edwin L. Thomas
William and Stephanie Sick Dean of Engineering