HEAD MEN’S BASKETBALL COACH JOINS CHILI COOK-OFF JUDGING PANEL

Houston, Sept. 25, 2012 – University of Houston men’s head basketball coach James Dickey will be one of the judges at the annual UH vs. Rice Chili Cook-Off.

Dickey, who is beginning his third season as the head coach, joins Don Yackley, executive director of Student Housing & Residential Life, as the two judges representing UH. Rice will provide two judges, and a third-party person will round out the five-person judging panel.

The cook-off, which is now in its fourth year, will take place prior to the annual UH-Rice football game on Saturday, Sept. 29. The two cook-off teams will get started at 9 a.m. in the tailgating area of Reliant Stadium, with judging taking place at 1 p.m. The football game kicks off at 2:30 p.m.

UH won the award for best chili the first year of the event, but Rice has captured it the past two years. The judges will receive samples of each teams’ chili, but won’t know which one is which. They will award points based on five criteria: originality, taste, presentation, texture and overall quality.

In addition to the judge’s award, the general public will also get to take part in a blind taste test and vote on their favorite to determine the winner of the People’s Choice Award, which has been won by UH all three years.

Students, staff and faculty from UH are encouraged to come out and support the cook-off team, which is being led once again by Chef Brent Gorman.

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