Senior ‘Butch’ Craig

Bright Spot In Dark Year

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In the Rice Owl basketball camp, the bright spots are not hard to find. Amid the gloom of one of the Owls’ worst seasons, senior forward and captain David “Butch” Craig stands alone as the man who will keep this year’s team from being completely forgotten.

Among Top Scorers

Craig, a definite all-Conference possibility, is currently ranked among the top scorers in the Southwest Conference, despite having played one game less than the other leaders due to an attack of influenza.

Craig has scored 355 points thus far this season, with three games remaining. If he can average only 15 points per game for these three games he will become the sixth Rice player to join the “400” Club.

“400” Club

Only Bill Tom, Gene Schwin- ger, Don’ Lance, Temple Tucker, and Tom Robitaille have been able to pass 400 points in a single season.

A parallel to Craig can be found in Raymond Downs, the man who holds most of the scoring records at Texas University. Downs, 6’ 4” center for the Longhorns a few years back, was also a small player with a bad team. Downs had an unusual up and under shot similar to Craig’s, and he used it to advantage to write his name in the record books.

All-Conference Nominee

As the season draws to a close, so does the college career of Butch Craig. Rice fans will be looking for his name as the all-Conference lists come out in a few weeks, as a suitable climax to the career of one of Rice’s finest athletes.