Plan for central quad begins with cafe pavilion

by Beko Binder

In a few years, students may be able to go from a library cafe to the Student Center to the Rice Center in less than two minutes. Moving sidewalks are not being installed on campus. But the Board of Trustees has approved plans for a position behind Fondren Library, which is the first of what President David Leebron imagines as several building projects to make the space between Fondren Library, the Student Center and Herring Hall into a quad and central gathering place on campus, Advisor to the President Marilyn Iskander (M'93) said.

Iskander said the idea for developing a quad was influenced by feedback from Leebron's Call to Conversation.

"I think that as part of [Leebron's] broader vision and certainly as part of the Call to Conversation, the concept is to create a more vibrant social center to the campus," Iskander said. "Leebron's sense is that the campus sometimes feels empty, and that rather than saying, "We should try to create an exciting space which tends itself to dynamic interactions — a space that's a comfortable meeting space for small groups, large groups, outdoor lecture, movies and concerts," Forman said. "Our goal is to create a space that students and faculty and staff naturally walk through."

Johnsard said the pavilion — the first component of the renovated quadrangle to be approved — will include a new campus dining option.

The approved plan puts a sort of cafe on the back exit of the library that would face out onto the quad," Iskander said.

Associate Vice President of Facilities, Engineering and Planning Barbara White Bryson said the pavilion is still in its early stages, but architect Tom Plifer has been hired to begin designing it and the rest of the quad. Bryson said she hopes the pre-design phase will be finished by December.

Bryson said there is currently no schedule for when the pavilion will be finished by December.

New campus-wide coordinators plan for smoother, safer Beer-Bike

by Jen Evans

This new campus-wide Beer-Bike coordinator system has its way, the March event will include more amenities and fewer unpleasant surprises.

The coordinator, Martel College junior Erin Velasquez, said the event will feature the men's basketball team, a slam dunk contest and free t-shirts and raffle prizes. The event will feature the men's and women's basketball teams, a slam dunk contest and performances by the cheerleaders and dance team.

Pass/Fail classes today

The deadline to designate a course as "Pass/Fail" and to drop courses without a grade is today at 5:00 p.m. for everyone except first-year students, who have until 5:00 p.m. to drop classes.

Fall back

Set your clocks back an hour tomorrow night. Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday.
It's hip to have a quad

The proposed quadrangle between Fondren Library, the Student Center, and Rice Church will provide a more appealing social space for students, faculty, and visitors. It will also accommodate expanded registration policies, making it easier for students to register for courses. The quad will be located near the campus center where many buildings and facilities are situated.

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No matter how clever you think your costume is, don't use it for Halloween.

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At least I can try to live in that world, but I have absolute truths for me as a comparative statement of faith similar. Surely the point of a university is to break such barriers and bring back a third dimension to thinking.

But it seems to me there are certain facts in the nature of these reactions to the Cross of Christ that makes any response to evangelists so difficult. On the one hand, it is true that the biblical politicians in Washington, D.C. have done enough to drive me to the point where I reject any efforts to move into a religious vein. I can't help but feel that if I believed in Jesus Christ, I would be a disciple of the Cross of Christ. If I did, I would be able to sell my soul to the Devil. But the Devil doesn't want me that way. He wants me to be the kind of person I am. And I know that the Devil wants me to be the kind of person I am. But the Devil doesn't want me to be the kind of person I am.

David Axel

Accusations against DeLay flimsy, misguided

It's that time of the political season again. As the nation's leaders adapt to governing in a post-Burnett Katrina, citizens are still adjusting to the politicians in Washington, D.C. Have we gone from the National Harret Miers to the National Tom DeLay? Again, while all these issues are important, many politicians inside the Beltway have honed in on something far more pressing: Tom DeLay.

A Republican Congressman from Texas, DeLay and several of his associates have been under fire for working with corporate representatives, in what I can call a large conspiracy to defraud the American people. The case against DeLay is one of the most astonishing forces in the past decade. Coupled with hankering, it leads me to wonder if my own policies have come to God. But coupled with that, I also wonder if the evidence for such a thing is theologically driven one. The evidence of virtue equally major conflict in the world today: Iraq, Israel, and Pakistan, Shiites and Sunnis, Muslims and Christians, Darfur, even Islam and the West, to say nothing of the countless religious wars of the past, including the Crusades.

In short, I cannot believe we can know how to react when Jehovah's Witnesses send one of their fraudulent invitations in theThumbnail about the divinity of Jesus Christ. I can believe in the eye of Jehovah's Witnesses, why we have to be against the truth of the infidel. Or perhaps we are right in exactly the relative of mine are simultaneous or Jesus appearing to Paul or the hundreds of the Thousands of Signs. To pick or choose miracles are holy requirements that we deny the validity of that which has the same factual weight as the ones we accept.

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Student justice: how conduct violations are adjudicated

At the end of many sentences in the police blot of the weekly Rice Thresher, there may be these words: "Officer has recommended the following student conduct violations. By bodies is present, but quiet. One of its bodies, the Honor Council, is a serious element in the university community but is associated with the code and not associated with the university. Only one similar case to the Honor Council — it is generally unknown to the public. Blue Book on its policies or any concern at the end of the Orientation Week, nevertheless, the council is serving — it was actually doing so wholeheartedly, and that's for the people.

Assistant Dean of Student Judicial Programs said it is difficult to adjudicate the sanction component because community service is often left to the discretion of the judge, because he thinks service should not be used as a penalty.

"Community service should be something all students do, he said. Students cannot be punished for being punished," Ostdiek said.

Shaw said students are unenthusiastic about community service, but "Ostdiek believed that... people... actually doing the community service wholeheartedly, and that [the person] they were serving — he was actually doing then a disservice because the [sanctioned] students did not want to be there," Shaw, a former College student, said.

Shaw said U. Court has also changed its approach to Alcohol Policy in the past. In the past, part of its recommended sanctions included an alcohol education class. Shaw said the court may now require an alcohol counselor, which is a service that will be used to evaluate whether students have alcohol problems, Shaw said. The Counseling Center is in charge of the evaluation and has hired psychologist Timothy Ramsey SAR to counsel drinking.

Ostdiek said another change is that students caught drinking underage will now be referred to the Pubs for a summary.

What reaches the court

Shaw said that to petition a case before the court, a judge must determine whether to adjudicate the case himself or to refer the case to student court. The Code of Student Conduct specifies that the assistant dean of student judicial programs about which cases are heard by the college, such as sexual misconduct, complicated cases that require a significant investigation and serious cases in which suspension or expulsion is a likely sanction. Students who are initially referred to U. Court can request in writing to have Ostdiek hear their case, and Ostdiek will consider the request. Ostdiek said he sometimes hesitates because he normally handles the appeals directly, but sometimes he cannot get to the case because he is teaching elsewhere. The court deals with about 20 cases per year. In 2003, 33 students appealed to U. Court, and Ostdiek heard 28 cases — in cases that resulted from Rice student selling fake IDs. In 2004, U. Court heard 30 cases — in 20 cases.

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Iskander said Lebron's long-term plan for the central part of campus also includes enhancements to the Student Center, a new recreation center across Laboratory Road from McNair Hall and a social sciences building between Herring Hall and Baker Hall. However, only the position has been formally approved by the board.

"Part of this plan is to relocate a new recreation center diagonally across from the BMC," Iskander said.

"The idea is for people to go to the Rec Center and walk through the Student Center to get a meal or go get coffee at the pavilion or meet friends."

Iskander said she thinks the renovations will make the campus feel more cohesive.
"I think that this will definitely emerge as the Call to Conversation comes to a close as one of the very important themes that's come out from all groups," Iskander said. "The physical infrastructure on campus, the recreational facility — and its location closer to major buildings — and the renovations behind the central quad will hopefully start making the area feel more like the center of the campus."

STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The Student Association met Monday. Information Technology staff members attended a forum, and the following were discussed:

- SA Director of Technology Mike Holcomb described http://my.rice.edu, a new web site being created by IT, designed to function as a student home page. Holcomb, a Martel College junior, said the site will feature customizable classified ads and news reports, as well as links to class and course Web pages. Students suggested adding links to Esther, a role-matching forum, an interactive personal calendar and a university events calendar customizable by interest.

- In a straw poll, attendees voted 24-14 for the SA not to pursue a contract with a music downloading service for all students. SA President James Lloyd said Rice would probably be unable to get a significant discount for such a service because Rice has fewer students than other universities that have made deals with online music vendors.

- Assistant Director for Networking Long Pham discussed the future of wireless coverage on campus. He said it's goal is to provide all academic buildings and colleges with wireless coverage, although many rooms — especially in older, thicker buildings — will not have coverage. Pham also said IT will replace all campus network wiring, currently about seven years old, beginning with Martel and Jones colleges over winter break and continuing with other buildings during spring and summer breaks. Students should visit http://www.rice.edu/network/fulltime for a construction schedule, he said.

- Pham said IT is looking into obtaining a license from Microsoft to start discount pricing for Microsoft software.

- Lloyd, a Martel College senior, announced the next SA meeting will include a discussion on the proposal to add minors to the curricula, which is expected to go before the undergraduate curriculum committee as well as a discussion on interaction between colleges on campus.

The next meeting will be Monday at 10 p.m. in Farnsworth Pavilion.

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Get with IT

Information Technology Security Officer, Marc Scarborough meets with students at IT's fair in the Grand Hall Tuesday.

Change your Password when you Change your Clocks

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on October 30. When you change your clocks and watches, remember to change your password as well. Changing your password at least every 6 months helps protect your computer, your data, and your identity. Insecure — and shared — passwords account for the majority of recent compromises at Rice and beyond the hedges.

Read more information about good passwords at: http://www.rice.edu/it/resources/security/passwords.html
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POLICE BLOTTER

The following items were reported to the Rice University Police Department for the period Oct. 20-24.

Residential Colleges
Will Rice College
Oct. 21 Bicycle stolen previous week.

Academic Buildings
Herman Brown Hall
Oct. 21 $180 stolen from secured desk drawer.

Sewall Hall
Oct. 21 Two books stolen.

Other Buildings
Wellness Center
Oct. 21 Subject sitting at back door arrested for refusing to leave Rice property and remanded to Harris County Jail for criminal trespassing.

Parking Lots
Greenbrier Lot
Oct. 22 Officer at football game observed suspicious person walking through parking area. Traffic stop on subject as he left campus. Non-Rice subject had criminal trespassing warrant for scoping tickets in the past. Subject arrested for trespassing and remanded to Harris County Jail.

Other Areas
5512 Chaucer Dr.
Oct. 20 Bicycle stolen.

Overland Flow Channel
Oct. 22 Student pushed parking gate with his arms. Student referred to Student Judicial Programs.

Rice University
Oct. 21 Items stolen from vehicle while valet parked.

Entrance 17
Oct. 22 Intoxicated non-Rice subject unsecured on tree. Subject arrested and remanded to Harris County Jail.

2100 University Blvd.
Oct. 23 Vehicle stopped after driving in opposite traffic lane. Driver, who had a blood-alcohol level of .20 percent, arrested for DWI and remanded to Harris County Jail. Passenger allowed to take cab home. Vehicle impounded.

Entrance 3
Oct. 24 Subject arrested at Harris County Jail for criminal trespassing, and two outstanding warrants.

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Four Envision grants awarded

by Katricia Lang

Newly awarded Envision grants will allow students to put up artwork in the Student Center, hold science competitions in the Middle East, expose inner city high school students to research and make campus shuttles smell like fast food.

Leadership Rice awarded the first of three rounds of the grants Oct. 18 for proposals submitted by four teams of Rice students.

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The Thresher's Halloween movie guide

Halloween is the only time of year when we invite knife-wielding madmen into our homes with glee. It's Christmas for horror junkies, and what better way to celebrate than with a back-to-back-to-back marathon of Hollywood's best slasher fare? Here's the Thresher's list of scary movies that will make your Halloween all the more terrifying.

**Halloween (1978)**
This John Carpenter helmed bloodbath kicked off the 80s slasher movie craze in the early 80s, not to mention Jamie Lee Curtis' short-lived reign as cinema's "Scream Queen." The killer here is Michael Myers, a white-masked psychopath who slashes sexually active, pot-smoking teens with a butcher knife.

**Scariest Moment:** Even before the murders begin, this uncreepy Myers walks Curtis' character through the residential town of her small town, a subtle chilling reassurance of scenes.

**Scream (1996)**
Horror slutty Wes Craven, who introduced audiences to Freddy Krueger in *Nightmare on Elm Street*, poking fun at himself and the entire scary movie genre with this self-referential thriller-comedy. Entirely aware that it is falling into the grand slasher genre that *Halloween* created, this film stylists both horror and satire. Ultimately, it is savvy, funny and often thrilling.

**Scariest Moment:** The opening sequence stars Drew Barrymore as a teen being judicially stabbed over the phone. The killer, with this distinctive cowl voice, taunts her repeatedly, asking, "Do you like scary movies?" The sequence is a fast, precise exercise in terror.

**The Texas Chainsaw Massacre (1974)**
This is probably the scariest film ever made and certainly the bloodiest. Director Tobe Hooper gives this movie, about a deranged family of killers, a gritty, documentary feel, which makes the action feel all the more real.

**Scariest Moment:** Leatherface, the family's deranged butcher, clubs a victim and lops his head into the box to be slaughtered.

**Rosemary's Baby (1968)**
Roman Polanski's paranoid thriller tapped into one of the most terrifying elements of any New Yorker's literal real estate. Using the famed Dakota building as its setting, Polanski traps Rosemary (Mia Farrow) in a mortal apartment sandwiched between two neighbors who we later learn are devil-worshiping and howling zombies come crashing through a window. These scenes make screams even after multiple viewings.

**Invasion of the Body Snatchers (1956)**
OK, this one's a little more campy than the rest. But what would a scary movie-viewing party be without a blast of 1950s social paranoia? This thriller portrays a small town as it is overtaken by human pod people — emotionless, identical doubles of the citizens.

**Scariest Moment:** During a dinner party, guests find their loved ones are hatching in their subconscious. As it turns out, this is nothing but a pitchfork and a little elbow grease can't save.

**Carrie (1976)**
Social anxiety is the real horror in this Brian DePalma film based on the Stephen King novel. Sissy Spacek stars as the awkward teen Carrie White, for whom every high school day is a living hell. Kids can be cruel, especially when you have flat hair and mysterious, telekinetic powers. Carrie ultimately gets her revenge in a shocking climax.

**Scariest Moment:** We all know the now-iconic moment involving pig's blood, a prom dress and a burning high school gymnasium.

**The Hunger (1983)**
Rocker David Bowie entered the horror genre with this vampire flick. Not surprisingly, vampires have never been so stylish. He stars as the lover Denueve, an ancient vampire who, little does he know, feeds on the blood of the lower classes. Eventually, Marion sets her sights on a young American played by Susan Sarandon. Vampire love scenes.

**Scariest Moment:** In the film's opening scene, Denueve and Bowie are on an unromantic honeymoon cruise.

**The Blob (1956)**
Sure, it looks pretty silly now, but this drive-in movie staple played off the same year of bullfights. Director William Norfleet's poor casting of the Body Snatchers' achieved. Watch the uber cool Steve McQueen do battle with a jelly-like alien force that looks to engulf the world, one homogeneous suburban at a time.

**Scariest Moment:** The mysterious, globby alien achieves inanimate proportions and overlays a movie theater and a mobile diner, sending droves of people running scared.
Stellar performances buxom uneven ‘Lives’

Jonathan Schumann

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Rodrigo Garcia’s Nine Lives boldly portrays the lives of nine unrelated women. Capably performed, these stories range from the mundane to the thought-provoking.

The film’s multi-generational family portrait resembles Robert Altman’s Short Cuts, which follows the lives of more than a dozen characters all living in Los Angeles. That film used Raymond Carver’s short stories as a springboard, while some characters drifted between storylines, each plot stood on its own. Nine Lives functions in a similar manner. While characters appear in each others’ segments, these vignettes also possess distinct tones and effects.

The inherent problem with a structure like this is a general lack of cohesion. Even though Garcia (who directed all) succeeds in portraying the lives of more than a dozen characters, in the end, one cannot help but feel shorted. The conclusion of each story leaves one wanting more – and that’s probably the point.

At its best, the film conveys a rarely seen HONESTY and insight into the female psyche.

In addition to these stories, those starring Kathy Baker (Poirot Foole) as a woman going into the hospital for surgery and Amanda Seyfried (Mommie Dearest) as a woman who seizes an opportunity for information between her parents also effectively capture everyday events.

The segments that do not work for me in the film stand and appear jarring and forced. The Nurse’s Life (Gambit) tells the story of a young woman haunted by her childhood and the overview of her abuse. Her story, while affecting, does not contribute to the overall narrative.

Garcia deserves praise for finding actresses of such a wide range and variety to portray these stories. In the end, though, no matter how moving the individual moments, one cannot help feel slighted by the overall fragmentation.

Relevant ‘Country’ provokes, empowers

Taska Chepumav

North Country, the latest film from Who’s Been Director Niki Caro takes the issue of women in the workplace with subtle force and power. The film is refreshingly honest and straightforward.

The story centers on Josey Aimes (Meryl Streep’s Charlie Theron), a miner who sues her company in 1989 for sexual harassment. While the miner’s lawsuit is not her only concern, the film then evolves into a mission to get corroborative evidence of the mistreatment and to prove Josey is neither a nut nor a slut.

North Country addresses not only the struggle for the equal treatment of women in male-dominated jobs, but also the turbulent relationships between parents and children. From the beginning of the film, Josey’s father, Rack (Harington with Director’s Richard Jenkins) is disappointed in his daughter’s life and ever-blames her for provoking her husband’s abuse. Where Josey turns to her lawyer for help, he toReturns her her husband’s abuse. Where Josey turns to her lawyer for help, he returns her husband’s abuse. Where Josey turns to her lawyer for help, he returns her husband’s abuse. Where Josey turns to her lawyer for help, he returns her husband’s abuse. Where Josey turns to her lawyer for help, he returns her husband’s abuse. Where Josey returns her husband’s abuse. Where Josey returns her husband’s abuse. Where Josey returns her husband’s abuse. Where Josey returns her husband’s abuse. Where Josey returns her husband’s abuse. Where Josey returns her husband’s abuse. Where Josey returns her husband’s abuse. Where Josey returns her husband’s abuse. Where Josey returns her husband’s abuse. Where Josey returns her husband’s abuse.

Although a single-woman-versus-large corporation film seemingly comes every couple of years, this one is still worth watching. North Country makes viewers laugh, cry, and most of all, think.

Charlize Theron stars as Josey Aimes, a miner who sues her company to court, in Niki Caro’s North Country.
A call to all crazy fans, tailgaters, students

Rice is not what is commonly known as a "football school." For The Thresher, "football schools" come in two flavors, Aggie and Longhorn. Growing up in Columbus, Ohio, the "football school" meant Ohio State. Any football school, though, excepting maybe tailgating and crazed fans.

I had resigned myself to the fact that I wouldn’t see my team before in my 16 months at Rice: a proper tailgate for a football game.

Granted, the merry-makers were sporting more Midshipman uniform than the Blue Shirts; the mere presence of a hostile environment surrounding a Rice football game gave me a rush of Owl pride I had not felt in a long time. I started scanning the crowd for familiar faces, and I actually considered attending the game — until I remembered I had to go home early because of work.

Sports fans at Rice often complain about this apathetic attitude, and rightly so. For those of us who are casual spectators, going to Rice sports simply is not as much fun attending other sporting events — either professional sports in Houston or brand-name college football in other cities. I don’t think I do not want to support my school, but I just know I will have more fun if I save my spare time for a more fan-friendly gridiron experience.

So how can Rice football get semi-apathetic fans like me to care? First, they’ve got a top-25 program, and I’m OK, with that — if I wanted a bad band, I would have stayed home with the Buckeyes. But I would like to see some semblance of a football program at my school. I would like our campus to be aware that there is a football game happening every time Rice football steps into the field. And the first step the Athletics Department should take is to let the games in our students’ lives. Play more football at Rice Stadium.

I have seen the future of football at 50, and it is not here on campus. Think about it: Students. able to see their team play without having to waste gas. Tailgating in the West Lot with Rice students getting rowdy at the upper decks. The sight of Rice Stadium being filled with Rice fans. OK, maybe not yet, but anything is possible.

As a member of my college’s PowerPuff football team, I know there are lots of kids expanding their tailgating expertise each weekend on the TM fields. This, however, is not Rice University football.

I am glad to be advocating that we stop tailgating PowerPuff — actually I prefer to see one of it — but we need some kind of outlet to celebrate athletics as a full, solid body instead as smaller student groups competing on each other. It is not bad for a big 900 person line have cheering on team. I wonder what scoreboard I would be too hard getting in the face of the other team. But I don’t want to do it by myself. I want the fun to fall back on when a student is imminent and someone to cheer with when we end our losing streak. I want to go to football games because of the fans.

Rice is a small school playing football against a very competitive NCAA field. No one can reasonably expect us to build winning records against bigger schools. Football programs do it is not in the hunt to win a national football championship, let’s make sure Rice students have fun at the games. Let’s focus on the numbers and more on the number of fans. Let’s bring the fans back to Rice football by bringing Rice football back to the fans.

Julie Burton is a Lovett College sophomore and assistant arts and entertainment editor.
Rice loses to Midshipmen in battle of option offenses

Turnovers, poor defense doom Owls to Division I-leading 12th consecutive loss, dating back to October 2004

by Adam Tabakin

The football team's disappointing season continued Saturday with a 41-9 loss to the United States Naval Academy at Rice Stadium. Rice (0-6, 0-3 Conference USA) started six freshmen on offense, including quarterback Chase Clement, who made his first collegiate start. The inexperience showed as the Owls failed to reach double digits in points for the first time since 2003, when they lost to Navy 38-6.

"In the first half, I think we held them great. [But] we were just on the field way too much as defense."

— Adam Herrin
Senior linebacker

Sophomore quarterback Joel Armstrong injured his shoulder Oct. 15 against Tulsa and played only sparingly against Navy. The Midshipmen struck first midway through the first quarter on a 31-yard touchdown run by fullback Matt Hall, who had 91 yards on just 6 carries. After a Navy field goal, Rice got on the board with 1:15 remaining in the first half on a 53-yard field goal by placekicker Luke Juist. Juist's first attempt of the season hit the crossbar before bouncing out of bounds, giving Navy a 3-0 lead. Juist was successful in his second attempt.

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— Ken Hatfield
Head football coach

Armstrong entered the game in the second quarter to keep the offense on the field. He completed a 13-play drive late in the first half, which resulted in a 52-yard field goal by Juist. Juist's ensuing kickoff was the fourth-longest in Rice history. The attempt was Juist's first that completed a 13-play drive late in the third quarter. Junior running back Quenton Smith turned in another stellar performance, rushing for 124 yards on 19 carries to bring his season total to a team-leading 443 yards. His 6.5 yards per carry average is second in C-USA, trailing only NCAA Division I rushing leader DeAngelo Williams of Memphis.

"Smith can make a lot of things happen," Hatfield said. "He can make a lot of extra yardage after he's hit, and it's really good to see him stay on the field.

The Owls' 105 penalty yards on 11 penalties were their most ever in 12 seasons under Hatfield. Hatfield said he bears some responsibility for the penalties.

"Mental mistakes] are things a good team just can't do, and we're obviously not very good right now—that's a reflection of me and the coaching," Hatfield said. "We played hard, but I don't think we played well. I think there's a big difference between playing hard and playing well."

With so many underclassmen seeing playing time for the Owls, head coach Ken Hatfield said, "Everybody else is young, everybody else is trying to learn how to play [and] how to win, and they're playing a lot. When a lot of freshmen are playing for you, you're always going to have some problems."

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for Halloween
The Rice Owls fell short in a seesaw battle with Texas A&M this weekend in both singles and doubles play, as well as in an upset victory over the University of Arkansas in their first-round match of the Fall Tennis Classic Nov. 4-6 in San Diego, Calif.

Duos of DiSessa, Rodgers advance to semifinals in College Station

by Brian Meckes

The Rice Owls' tennis teams went head to head at the Western/ITA Southwest Regional Championships in College Station, Texas. In doubles play, two Texas A&M teams won, while the Rice Owls claimed the top seed and will return next weekend for the final spot in the singles tournament.

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by Stephen Whitfield

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The Owls beat the Aggies in three sets, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2, to advance to the second round of the ITA South Central Championships in College Station, Texas. The Owls were led by the unseeded doubles duo of senior Robert Seidman and Tony Hartle, who defeated a pair of seeded teams before falling in the semifinals.

Assistant coach Ellie Ustendag (Baker '99) said the tournament was marked by the team's focus and determination.

"Looking back, it could have been a very good, very good tournament for us," Ustendag said. "We had the chances to win (both) singles and doubles, but we just gave them all away."

Seidman and Hartle beat Southern Methodist University's 3rd-seeded and 35th-ranked Federico Murta and Peter Ortezanos's 5th-seeded and 60th-ranked Robert Clavilier and Roger Guibas 8-1 before losing to the Longhorns' 7th-seeded Michael Venus and Travis Riego.

In singles action, the third-seeded Seidman - ranked 24th nationally in singles - raced into the round of 16, losing an early lead and falling to the eventual champion Oredsson in a three-set match.

"Seidman went up and just disappeared to the second set," Ustendag said. "(Oredsson) played big on big points, and Rob just gave them all away."

Seidman, who came in as the Rice Owls' top seed, will be one of 16 singles last weekend at the unseeded doubles duo of Michael Venus and Travis Riego. All three singles play at the semifinals.

"I'm satisfied with the tennis we played while we were 1st regionals - now we just have to keep playing," Ustendag said. "The only competition remaining for the Owls in the fall is the Texas Invitational, held this weekend at Ursuline College in the fall of '16 in singles last weekend at the unseeded doubles duo of Michael Venus and Travis Riego.

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Assistant men's tennis coach

"In the spring, we have such a group of players that if conditions tend to shorten," Ustendag said. "So, I feel the season will be of conditioning and individual competition, as far as we’re going to be ready for January."

With the win, the Rice Owls will qualify for a spot in the Powerpuff playoffs. Sid Richardson (6-6) clinched a berth with its 3-2 victory over Lovett (4-6), and Jones clinched a 2-0 victory over Baker (6-5). Just beat Houston (1-1) by a 1-2 margin, and Sid beat Lovett (4-5) 20-18 to eliminate Brown from playoff contention. Now, Rice will meet Brown 20-18.

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"Our first-team defense is really tough. We wanted to make sure we were in position as a team as we could."

- Brian Gibson

Rice Owls head coach

"We shot ourselves in the foot a couple times," Goodfellow said. "It was a good win, but we had our chances, and we didn’t make them."

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With the way they handled themselves on the field."

Robbins' 5 goals this weekend gave her 11 on the season, the most in Rice soccer history; and her 27 points are also an Owl record. Robbins was named C-USA Offensive Player of the Week for her efforts.

Robbins, who redshirted last year, stepped out on the field about exactly a week ago, and she's been competitive in most of their games, with six losses. Although some of the Golden Eagles' losses this season were questionable, for our girls not to retaliate and 3 red cards, we had to go into overtime. We need to keep our goal in mind. Robbins said. "You don't take any team for granted," Robbins said. "You go out there and play your hardest no matter what... We want to..."
Swim team dominates home opener

by Matt McCabe

The swim team had a clean sweep over the University of North Texas at the Rice Pool Sunday, winning all 11 events en route to a 133-70 dual-meet victory. The Owls will take their perfect 1-0 record into a meet Tuesday at Rice vs. SMU.


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"The biggest thing I was worried about was that we might come in a little flat, but I really didn't see that," Huston said.

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REFRESHING riffs
Syngy, Rice's program devoted to new classical music, hosts New York ensemble Speculum Musicae. Event features a free chamber concert at 8 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall.

SATURDAY
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Breakfast for dinner
The Institute for Interfaith Dialogue and the Muslim Students Association sponsor an iftar fast-breaking dinner to celebrate the end of Ramadan. The dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. in Farnsworth Pavilion.

What's it going to be next year, “NOD does nautical: Let's go skinny dipping”?
This year's oh-so-creatively-themed Night of Decadence, "NODdy by nature: A walk on the wild side," starts at 10 p.m. at the Wiess College Amphitheater. Tickets cost $8 in advance or $10 at the door.

SUNDAY
30
Don't leave trails of crumbs or full beers if you want to find your way home from Shepherd
The Shepherd School of Music presents Hansuel and Confi by Engelbert Humperdinck at 7:30 p.m. at Wortham Opera Theater in Alice Pratt Brown Hall tonight and Tuesday. Admission is $10 for the public and $8 for students and senior citizens.

MONDAY
31
Boo!
Happy Halloween, Rice. The people walking around campus today in fedoras may actually be Landry's turntables and halogen lights....but that's just my opinion. I could be wrong.

THURSDAY
3
How many times have I predicted the apocalypse by now? OK, maybe that was Nostradamus, but I would have broken him to the punch had I lived a couple of centuries earlier
Environmentalist James Kunstler speaks about his new book The Long Emergency: Surviving the Converging Catastrophes of the 21st Century. The event begins at 7:30 p.m. in McMurtry Auditorium.

Material (not) to burn or ban, now half off
The Friends of Fondren Library host a book sale today through Sunday at Fondren. The sale begins at 7 p.m. in Room 100 of Herring Hall and is free to the public.

A look at this week's varsity home games
5 p.m: Swimming vs. Arkansas, Oregon State and Villanova.
Rice Pool
5 and 7:30 p.m: Soccer
CUSA tournament semifinals.
Rice Track/Soccer Stadium
7 p.m: Volleyball vs. UH.
UH Alumni Center
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We tried to make a graph showing the correlation between hotness and GPA, but the data was too scattered. We found that there was not a significant correlation between attractiveness and academic success, but we did notice a trend where more attractive students tended to have higher GPAs. However, this trend was not statistically significant.

For management. Bachelor's degree preferred. Must be able to work evenings, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. Must have a current driver's license and reliable transportation. $12 per hour. For further information, please contact Susan Lawrence at (713) 782-9086.

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