Nobel Prize winner Smalley pioneered nanotechnology

by Matt McCabe

University Professor Richard Smalley was a Nobel laureate and nanotechnology pioneer. His work at Rice University is celebrated. The top two teams contributed to research at Rice. The University Professor Robert Curl and Terre Haute, Ind. The top two teams "were the leaders on this campus," Leebron said. "In regards to Rick's passing, there are two things to say: You're going to be missed. If you want to help Rice, you can take a leap forward itself as a research university." Leebron said Smalley's immediate legacy remains in the scientists who came to Rice at least partially because of him. "The good news is that we've attracted some really outstanding scientists due to the accomplishments of Richard Smalley," Leebron said. "Hoping to repeat what we achieved with Smalley and Curl, we recruit young scientists who can one day be Nobel Prize winners." Smalley also encouraged professors at Rice to change their approach to science by focusing on collaboration, Curl said. Smalley used his recognition to campaign for issues that were important to him. Curl said. Smalley helped President Bill Clinton's administration create the National Nanotechnology Initiative, which doubled the funding the U.S. government provided for nanoscale scientific research and engineering. Bader Institute Senior Fellow in Science and Technology Neal Lane said. Smalley testified before the U.S. House of Representatives in 1996. See SMALLEY, page 5

NOD draws 1,400 people, REMS responds to 15 calls

by Sarah Baker

Some of the students who attended Night of Decadence Saturday were more than just "Naughty by Nature" at the rainforest-themed event with booths for underprivileged children, held Saturday in the Will Rice College quad. "I was exactly the right number," Heckelman said. "I got to a few points where I saw a crush, but we were never unable to handle all the calls."

Women's cross country wins conference

by Matt McCabe and Amber Obermeyer

The women's cross country team building better performance in cross country championships after winning the Conference USA title last year. "We're trying to knock off two teams that have been ranked ahead of us all year," Arkansas and Baylor," head coach Jim Bevan said. "Throughout the season, the team has had a series of goals. Bevan said. "We've had different objectives through the year," Bevan said. "One of those was to run well enough during the year so that we could make it nationals if we finished third in the region. By finishing ninth at Pre-Nationals Oct. 15, that makes us a bubble team. The second objective was to win a conference title, and now the third objective is to get to nationals.

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We are ashamed whenever we see custodial staff cleaning shelf crinkled windows after Baker 13 — particularly after Halloween, when the mess is most widespread. Running around campus wearing nothing but shaving cream is generally an anachronistic activity — a little shaving cream in the grass will evaporate — but it becomes disrespectful when it escalates to dirtying windows and creating unpleasant work for the staff. Custodians have enough to do around campus without wiping students’ butt-prints.

It’s OK for students to make out of themselves — we appreciate the stress relief Baker 13 provides. We just think the event stopped rubbing themselves against windows or woke up at the butt-crack of dawn on the morning after each run to clean up. If individual runners cannot be trusted to wash off their own butt-prints, the job should be Club 13’s, not the staff’s.

More generally, many of the best moments at Rice — such as Willy Week jack and large parties — involve messes which are left for the staff to pick up. Not only is this unfair to the people who work around the clock to make the campus beautiful, but it also jeopardizes the existence of these traditions because they become a burden to the non-students at the university.

A little personal responsibility from students will not ruin Baker 13 and other Rice traditions; it will just increase the likelihood that these traditions will be around for years to come.

Maintain visionary Smalley’s legacy

Nine years after Richard Smalley won his Nobel Prize, it may be difficult for students to appreciate the extent to which Smalley put Rice on the map. (See story, page 1.) His brilliant mind and tireless dedication to solving problems of both a nano and global scale elevated Rice to a more international stature, and the university will continue to benefit from his work. We think Rice owes it to Smalley to honor his great career and life by continuing his legacy in a few ways.

First, a Rice building should be named after Smalley. He deserves to be one of the few names that will always be spied on campus. We would most likely see the research tower to be built at University Boulevard and Main Street named for him. Since the tower will be another major step forward for Rice as a leader in science and as a university in general, we think it is only appropriate to name it after Smalley. If doing so is impossible for financial or other reasons, it would also be fitting to name the Space Sciences Building after him — the third floor housed his office and still houses the Center for Nanoscale Science and Technology, and it is unofficially known as “Smalley-Wall” already.

More abstractly, we hope Rice will preserve Smalley’s legacy by keeping two of his strongest research interests — nanotechnology and the intersection of science and public policy — moving forward. Rice should make a conscious and well-funded effort to stay a vanguard school in nanotechnology for decades, and the Baker Institute should continue to emphasize the importance of including science and scientists in public policy research and vice versa.

By taking these steps, we can ensure Smalley’s unequivocally positive impact on the university will continue.

Time running out for C2C comments

The open comments period of President David Leebron’s Call to Conversation ends Nov. 15. Students and others who have not already done so should go to http://www.rice.edu/c2c and give their views on the desirability of increasing undergraduate enrollment and many other topics.

Life has gotten hectic at Rice, so we are sure commenting has slipped the minds of some students. We hope these students don’t miss the deadline, because everyone with something to say should be a part of this dialogue.

Unsolicited editorialists represent the majority opinion of the Thresher editorial staff.
Students continue to be pressured into making uncharacteristic and dangerous decisions because of the party and its past reputation.

We think the university and the party's organizers are already doing everything in their power to keep students safe. However, the very nature of the party encourages behavior that too often results in physical or emotional harm to students. Of course, people have control over their own actions, and we know many people who go to NOD and have fun without compromising their safety. But the sad fact is that those people are in a minority. The rule is: the more outrageous the action, the more people will do it. It seems the only way to solve this problem is to cut them off at the source: eliminating the party itself.

I'm not saying we shouldn't have a Halloween party. Rice students work hard and we need a chance to relax. However, we should be sensitive to the fact that the behavior NOD promotes can hurt not only ourselves but also those we care about.

Unfortunately, formal dances are especially susceptible to this type of behavior. In my opinion, it's time to put an end to a Rice tradition that makes television calls for freshers.

Ariane Urus

Guest column

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We were troubled by the green golf courseing: sulfide dyes—yes, they were certainly objected as well, but this was less overt. There could be any number of reasons why a girl would dress like this, but no one ever said she weren't beautiful. There were too many to do something that she would not otherwise do—but the fact is, combined with alcohol, this promotes not only the objectification but the blatant violation of women.

Erica Rangel

Rice Voices

High gas prices mean more peace, less pollution

Every time I see gasoline prices go up, I feel just a little bit sick. Yes, I am addicted to gasoline. But I imagine I'm not alone. Many of you actually help keep the United States in motion. And I know we've all heard the charge before: if you don't like the price, tough, you drive fewer miles. Nine dollars. Sure, give me some gas. I would be amazed at how much our lifestyle would suffer for the benefit of a cleaner, safer environment.

Of course, I would cry if I saw my gas bills rise faster than the inflation figure. But desperate times call for desperate measures. We cannot keep running our cars on what is an increasingly precious resource. We need to reduce the amount of gas we use, and we need to reduce it now.

People still opt to drive more than they need to. I think of all the new friends people would make if they started sharing rides to and from work. Rush hour traffic is enough to make you feel like you're going to be single forever. However, meaning shorter commutes, people would have to find other ways to get around. And lower carbon road would mean less pollution. Say goodbye to that gray haze, Houston.

As people stopped buying gas-guzzling automobiles, industries would be forced to introduce cleaner sources of energy on a large scale. Currently, these are too expensive for widespread use. But if the amount of available fuel begins to decrease, we may witness a real technological breakthrough. In addition, a car would be more than just a means of transportation, it would become a part of the environment. The environment and the car would be one and the same.

Apoorsha Shah


tionize by wires in Houston.

Sex, books and carbohydrates

Public displays of affection just pretty damn adolescent

Editor's note: This is the first in an occasional series of sex columns.

You know the type of people I'm talking about—sitting in the common and 8 A.M. classes, deeply into each other's eyes. Meeting at the water fountain to pass note, feeding each other Belgian waffles and strawberries, finding new ways to show their love to the world even at such an awkward age.

Gag me.

When I walk, my boyfriend and I eat food cooked in the same stuff that I share silence. Comfort is being spoon-fed me, I'd knock that eye contact with the soggy grains of nothing. It creates a troubling po-

Ariane Urus

backstage to the tissues for the first time.

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Erica Rangel's column.

The very nature of the party encourages behavior that too often results in physical or emotional harm to students.
Journalist Packer recounts Iraq war coverage, change in own outlook

by Terry Factor

In the months leading up to the Iraq war, George Packer, the journalist acclaimed for his coverage of the war in the New Yorker, was optimistic about the war's potential for improving Iraqis' lives. But Packer changed his opinion after several trips to Iraq and discussions with Iraqis and U.S. soldiers. He said in a letter to about 100 people in Herring Hall Sunday.

"The line between justifiable paranoia and outright delusion was not easy to draw in Iraq."

— George Packer

The Assassins' Gate

The hedges in the academic quad will undergo a facelift. Pruning of the hedges in the academic quad will be slightly shorter when they grow back, because the ideal height for the hedges is lower than their current height. The hedges in the academic quad will be pruned.

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"I didn't think of myself as a journalist throughout my first 15 years of writing," Packer said. "In fact, I was very close to writing fiction and personal essays." But he said he began his career writing fiction and personal essays. "I didn't think of myself as a journalist throughout my first 15 years of writing," Packer said. "I think of myself as a journalist throughout my first 15 years of writing," Packer said. "The book speaks to the tragedies of war and about his role as a writer." Packer then went to Baghdad in 2003 to cover the war for the New Yorker. Packer said the assignment changed his life because "The best way to approach the situation is to find the story," Packer said. "It's one of the largest events on campus, and it's one of the largest events on campus."
POLICE BLOTTER

The following items were reported to the Rice University Police Department for the period Oct. 27-31.

Residential Colleges
Baker College
Oct. 29 Suspicious activity.

Wiess College
Oct. 29 Underage student intoxicated at Night club arrested for insurance. Subject arrested to Baker College by RUPD officer and referred to Student Judicial Programs.

Wiess College
Oct. 29 Intoxicated student staggering through NOD. Student kicked out of party, escorted to his dorm room and referred to Student Judicial Programs.

Wiess College
Oct. 29 Intoxicated student staggering through quad. Student escorted to her room and referred to Student Judicial Programs.

Wiess College
Oct. 29 Intoxicated non-Rice subject at NOD. Subject kicked out of party and left with campus Security.

Wiess College
Oct. 29 Rice student fighting inside Weiss Commons at NOD. Intoxicated subject fought with officer and referred to Student Judicial Programs for disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

Wiess College
Oct. 29 Underage subject intoxicated at NOD. Non-Rice NOD guest ran from one officer and fought with another. Subject arrested and remanded to Harris County Jail.

Will Rice College
Oct. 29 Subject unruly on building.

Wiess College
Oct. 30 Intoxicated student entered NOD. Student removed from party, escorted to Lovett College and referred to Student Judicial Programs.

Wiess College
Oct. 30 Intoxicated graduate student touched a female party goer inappropriately. Officers intervened to prevent victim's boyfriend from assaulting graduate student. Graduate student kicked out of party, escorted by officer to a cab home and referred to Student Judicial Programs.

Wiess College
Oct. 30 Intoxicated underage Rice student stumbling through quad. Subject was belligerent with officers. Subject issued civil citation but refused to sign them. After warning of arrest, subject signed tickets and was escorted to Jones by a sober friend.

Wiess College
Oct. 30 Subject jumped from Weiss' fourth floor to third floor and landed on cement. Intoxicated underage student fought with four officers and was detained. Subject found to havefake IDs in wallet. Student remanded to Harris County Jail.

Wiess College
Oct. 30 Intoxicated subject who had been kicked out of NOD returned to party. Subject ran from officers who tried to speak to him. Student detained and referred to Student Judicial Programs for trespassing and evading arrest.

Lovett College
Oct. 31 Bicycle stolen.

Academic Buildings
Alice Pratt Brown Hall
Oct. 27 Custodial employee reported unauthorized male in piano room. Subject taken into custody. Subject claimed to know Rice student. Student-missed. Student-slated subject had been separated from student.

Alice Pratt Brown Hall
Oct. 28 Subject drove golf cart into a tree. Underage student had been drinking. Student referred to Student Judicial Programs.

Baker Hall
Oct. 28 Caller received two unwanted messages on her voicemail. Messages tracked to a Barnes & Noble employee's residence.

Other Buildings
Victoria
Oct. 30 Purse stolen during Halloween party.

Parking Lots
West Lot
Oct. 29 Stereo stolen from vehicle.

Greenbriar Annex Lot
Oct. 30 Property stolen from vehicle.

Other Areas
Entrance 3
Oct. 29 Vehicle passenger pushed over chained barricade to allow vehicle to drive over it. Underage passenger was intoxicated. Subject referred to Student Judicial Programs and released to sober driver.

Rice Stadium
Oct. 29 Intoxicated subject at football game purchased food and drinks from a food server. Underage subject gave officers fake name. Student arrested and referred to Harris County Jail but released prior to booking for technical reasons.

Rice Stadium
Oct. 29 UTEP fan started fight with Rice fan at football game. Non-Rice subject arrested and remanded to Harris County Jail.

5600 Greentree Dr.
Oct. 30 Vehicle driven with no lights on. Driver did not have license, insurance or proof of ownership. Fawe paper plate listed owner of vehicle as Fidel Castro of Cuba. Driver arrested and remanded to Harris County Jail. Passenger allowed to take bus home.

SMALLEY
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advocating funding for the initiative. Lane, who served as Clinton's science and technology adviser, said Smalley's intellect and confidence were effective on Capitol Hill.

"He had a very quick mind," Lane said. "He knew exactly what he was talking about, so people had total confidence that what he was saying was correct. And he was able to say it in a way that was not speaking down to policymakers or other non-scientists, but that clearly helped them understand enough about what the science is so that they could see the potential."

Recently, Smalley began to research and lecture on the importance of efficient and affordable energy, an issue he considered to be the primary global problem in the 21st century. Smalley believed nanotechnology had the potential to provide solutions to the energy problem and taught a freshmen seminar on the issue.

Baker College senior Erica Per, an undergraduate in Smalley's research group, said Smalley was demanding and passionate.

"As a professor, he was really involved in the class that he was teaching, which was Jones in Energy," Per said. "He was truly a visionary, because he always had something brilliant to offer."

Smallley had a hands-on approach to research, meeting with his graduate students every morning to discuss their work, Carr said.

Chemistry Department Chair Kenneth Whitney said Smalley's research group will be the most affected by his death.

"Clearly, his research group is quite-effects. He was an unending film around as a person and as a mentor," Whitney said. "We can bring someone in to try and cover his research program, but it would take two or three other people to actually oversee the breadth of interests that he had."

Flor said the research group plans to remain together at least through the end of the semester, although members were devastated by Smalley's passing.

"Anybody who knew Dr. Smalley knew that he would have wanted us to continue his legacy," Flor said. "I don't think he would want us to be sad about his death. I think he would want us to spend that time picking up the baton where he left off and continuing his research."

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Associate VP Binford retires after 26 years

by David Brown

Associate Vice President for Administration Neill Binford, a Rice administrator since 1979, has announced his retirement. During his tenure, Binford brought $2 million worth of Apple computers to Rice in the 2000s, oversee the restructuring of the Rice Police and the creation of the student proposed Rice Emergency Medical Services in the 1990s, and in recent years he led a $1 million reduction in the annual parking deficit.

President David Leebron said Rice is nearing the end of a search for a new vice president for administration, and he hopes to announce the chair by the end of the calendar year.

When Vice President for Finance and Administration Donn Carr was let go in 2015, Binford took Carr's position in two jobs, promoting then-associate vice president and budget director Mary Fellers to vice president for finance. Binford, who had been an associate vice president for finance and administration, became associate vice president for administration. Binford's replacement will receive the new title "vice president for administration," completing the transition.

Binford said he originally came to Rice, after stints at the University of California-Santa Barbara and the University of California Santa Cruz, hoping to stay for a year before moving into a different career.

"After coming to Rice, I looked around, and within months I saw all kinds of things that needed to be done," Binford said. "All the interesting things happened here; that is why I stay. I have been in a good position to take advantage of a lot of things done."

Binford said one of his most exciting projects happened in 1996 when he was a part of the Apple consortium, which brought a significant number of computers to Rice for the first time. Binford said the project made Rice the first university that bought Apple computers on a mass scale.

Binford said one of his most challenging tasks was transforming Rice's budget process. In 1989, Binford said he and his staff used Microsoft Excel to develop a capability to link everyone to build a spreadsheet, to transform a paper-based budget process into an automated system.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Rice University board of trustees has named associate vice president and budget director Mary Fellers to be the next vice president for administration.

Fellers, who has been at Rice since 1988, will replace Binford, who has served in the position since 1996. Binford announced his retirement in May.

"I'm very pleased to announce Mary Fellers as Rice's next vice president for administration," said board chairman C. William "Bill" Deady.

"Mary has been a key member of the Rice administration for many years, and her leadership and dedication will be sorely missed," Deady said. "I have complete confidence in her ability to lead Rice into the future."
Since August, the Rice chapter of "No Nonsense in November" — a statewide coalition formed to defeat the amendment — has campaigned aggressively. By contrast, support for Proposition 2, as the ballot measure is called, has been relatively quiet on campus.

NKN is primarily comprised of students involved with PRIDE, a club that supports gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning students. PRIDE President Laura Bellows, a Brown College senior, said voter turnout for the election could dip as low as 10 percent of eligible voters.

"This is an election where your vote is going to mean something," Bellows said. Lovett College junior Ryan Goodland, who started the NNN chapter, said his group's efforts could affect statewide results.

"If our get-out-thevote push is strong enough, there will be a good chance that Texas will make history in being the first state to defeat one of these amendments," Goodland said. An Austin poll showed 44 percent in favor and 51 percent against the amendment.

PRIDE has traditionally been a social organization for GLBT students, but has become more politically active this year due to the relevance of Prop. 2, Bellows said.

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Goodland and Bellows plan to continue to campaign against the amendment through Tuesday, when they will hand out fliers near neighborhood precincts. Other NNN members with campaign near the Rice precinct.

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Eccentric ‘Capote’ makes for compelling subject

Margaret Tung

‘Capote’, directed by Bennett Miller, follows the writing of the novel In Cold Blood and the journey of author Truman Capote takes in constructing the ‘nonfictional’ feat. Thanks in part to Philip Seymour Hoffman’s breathtaking portrayal of the title character, the film shines light on an eccentric man and his contribution to the American literature canon with thrilling efficacy.

The movie begins by contrasting the bleak, boundless plains of Kansas with the highly stylized, surrealistic life of Capote (Cold Mountain’s Philip Seymour Hoffman), who is fresh off the success of authoring Breakfast at Tiffany’s and other short stories. Upon reading about the Clutter family murders that take place in Holcomb, Kansas, Capote decides to head west from his comfortable Brooklyn home in search of material for an investigative piece for The New Yorker.

Capote’s childhood friend Harriet (Misia Suchak, who has just finished writing To Kill A Mockingbird, joins him on this journey. When they reach the tiny town of Holcomb, disappointing glances and protective stares greet the newly-arrived. Su-en Wong’s (American Beauty’s Chris Cooper), hills grey in their East Coast charm. Capote brings a refreshing optimism to a town that has just experienced the traumatizing event of having a respected, God-fearing family murdered for no apparent reason.

After this almost pastoral exposition, the movie flashes forward to the capture of the murderers, Dick Hickock (Matt Dillon’s Marc-Pierre), and Perry Smith (Traff’s Clifton Collins Jr.). Here, the relationship between Capote and Smith — the real Neal of Mill Valley’s vision — begins to develop.

Smith enters the film clad in a motorcycle jacket, black baseball cap and handcuffs, and immediately has an inexplicable chemistry with Capote. The two grow closer as they continually discover new similarities in their backgrounds. Both grew up with absent parents and both found solace in literature, art and grand schemes. As friendship and trust flourish between the two men, Capote’s character questions his fierce dedication to his work and to Smith. The line that the two men share with each other is most clearly on the emotional tone of the rest of the movie, and meticulous subtleties in filming and scriptwriting are what make the right decisions in this exact moment of this passionate relationship. Hoffman’s portrayal of Capote’s personal torture in the days leading up to Smith’s execution captures the men’s relationship perfectly, and underscores the on-screen connection.

The Squid and the Whale.

Mediocre ‘Squid’ tackles divorce with humor, drama

Julia Barnes

The Squid and the Whale (2005, Columbia Pictures) is a semi-autobiographical film by writer/director Noah Baumbach. It tells of the divorce of two writers through the new, semi-autobiographical project from writer/director Noah Baumbach (Eating and Sexing) tells of the divorce of two writers through their sons’ precocious emotional reactions. The result of this pairing is a blustery, poignant piece that retains the charm of Baumbach’s reserved filming techniques and one-liners that really should not be as funny as they are but also suffer viewers a tear message more meaningful than “Vote for Pedro.” Unfortunately, Baumbach and the technical crew have better chemistry than the cast members themselves.

The Squid and the Whale Rating: ★★½

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**The Squid and the Whale**

Canadian director Atom Egoyan (The Sweet Hereafter) examines celebrity culture and the slimy, glamorous veneer of show business in Where the Truth Lies, a laughably bad attempt at mind-bending psychodrama.

Kevin Bacon (Mythic River) and Colin Firth (Bridget Jones's Diary) star as Larry Morris and Vince Collins, a Jerry Lewis-Dean Martin-Colin Firth (Bridget Jones's Diary) musical comedy duo who play Collins, a Jerry Lewis-Dean Martin-Colin Firth (Bridget Jones's Diary) character. The film's scenes are sloppily pasted together with the worst form of voice-over narration—adding no depth and only restates the obvious.

The film's performances are as forced and contrived as the story-telling. Bacon cannot credibly achieve his character's goofy stage persona. Firth, though, emerges intact, playing a role that was written for a different actor. His role, which he seemed born to play, is transformed, which gives him a chance to shine. His performance is a mix of clever humor, urban social grace and celebrated genius. He is at-able to play a man whose sensitivity and ability to read other people shields his own pain and insecurities.

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Men second at C-USA meet
by Katy Miller

In the heat of the postseason, this year's cross country team placed second overall in the C-USA Championships, held Saturday in Owls Park, Waco, Texas. Team manager Genny Volpe said this is a team that has the potential to do well this season.

Senior Marcel Hewamudalige took second place overall in the C-USA meet with a time of 23:23 in the six-kilometer race, just under a minute ahead of sophomore Charles Armstrong. Senior David Axel said the Rice runners are aware they will be seen as underdogs in the regional meet.

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The Owls finished second in the Big 12 Conference meet behind the University of Southern Mississippi. These two teams are favored to take the top two spots in the regionals and advance to nationals, so the Owls will need a strong finish to compete in Terre Haute, Ind.

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Owls advance to semis with 1-0 victory over UAB

Rice plays East Carolina tonight at 7, winner to face UCF or UTEP in Sunday's title game

Story and layout by Stephen Whitfield

The Owls beat the Pirates, 1-0, in the C-USA championship game and play the University of Central Florida or fourth-seeded University of Texas at the Rice Track/Soccer Stadium. The Golden Knights and Miners will play in the other semifinal match today at 5 p.m.

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Previously, the Owls have advanced to two straight conference championship matchups, losing to Southern Methodist University in the 2003 and 2004 Western Athletic Conference title games 2-1 and 2-0, respectively.

Previewing the Pirates

But Rice will not face SMU this year—seven-seeded East Carolina upset second-seeded SMU penalty kicks to advance to the C-USA semifinals for the first time since 2002. Rice opened the C-USA season with a 3-0 victory over East Carolina Sept. 20. Thigpin was lost throughout until freshman forward Annie Combs and sophomore midfielder Leslie Walls scored within minutes of each other to put the game out of reach late in the second half.

The Pirates have been most successful this season in games which they have been able to keep the score low. Averaging just 1.5 goals per game, East Carolina scored more than two goals in only one of the conference games, and in seven of its eight losses allowed three or more goals. In their first-round game against SMU, the Pirates managed just one goal. But head coach Chris Huston said the Pirates are better than their record suggests.

"East Carolina is a good team," Huston said. "They were a good team when we played them the first weekend of conference play. We walked off the field saying they were a better team than the results they have been getting all year."

The quartefinal match

Rice started off quickly in its C-USA quarterfinal game against UAB, the sixth seed and the defending C-USA champion. In the 10th minute, Camille Bade broke free from two UAB defenders to score what would turn out to be the game's only goal. Rice's defense only allowed UAB a couple good looks at the goal, while Blazer goalkeeper Katie Pilstra made five saves to prevent the Owls from capitalizing on their numerous scoring chances in the half.

The trend of missed opportunities continued for Rice in the second half. The Owls had a good chance to increase their lead on a header by Martin in the 45th minute, but her shot sailed just over the crossbar. This was the closest either team would get to scoring for the rest of the game.

Huston said she is not concerned by the Owls' inability to convert scoring chances against the Blazers.

"I'm not really worried," Huston said. "I'm just so glad that they are creating opportunities for themselves. (Their) backs are against the wall. In order to get goals, you have to create chances, and we're doing that. Our defense was solid throughout. Until the last minute, we played well as a team overall."

The conference tournament is the first for the nine newcomers on the Rice squad. Huston said she thinks the experience gained during the season will help the young players as they progress in the tournament.

"They're obviously excited," Huston said. "I wouldn't go as far as saying that they might be a little nervous. They are young players, but we've made it through the season and we don't look at them as freshmen or sophomores anymore. They're taking it as a business, and about every game they've played in, and I would expect them to do the same for the rest of the tournament."

The end of the regular season

Rice received the third seed in the tournament after splitting its final two games of the regular season on the road last weekend, losing to UCF Friday and defeating the University of Southern Mississippi 2-0 Saturday. The Owls fell behind early in the game against UCF when forward Roberta Polesig scored in the ninth minute. The defense held firm for most of the first half but suffered a lapse late, allowing a goal to UCF forward Erin Hoshiko in the 24th minute to increase the deficit to 2-0. The Golden Knight lead went to 3-0 when midfielder Hanna Wide added a goal in the 45th minute, sealing the victory.

The game against Southern Miss, a team that did not qualify for the C-USA tournament, was important in determining the Owls' seeding. The win clinched both a C-USA tournament berth and a spot in the field saying they were a better team than the results they have been getting all year."

Senior defender Erin Dessger was Rice's sole representative on the C-USA first team. Robbins and sophomore defender Beth Martin were named to the second team, while Robbins and freshman midfielder Ashley Lucas were named to the all-freshman team.

Huston said several other Owls could also have been considered.

"There were others on our team who could have received the same honors but just didn't get enough votes," Huston said. "It's not just the (four) of them — we have such a strong core of freshmen and sophomores that... the next three years [are] going to be pretty exciting."

Feasthouse forward Arria Comber dribbles the ball in Wednesday's CUSA quarterfinal match against UAB. The Owls will face East Carolina in the semifinals tonight at the Rice Track/Soccer Stadium. The game starts at 7:30 p.m.
The Owls compiled 496 rushing yards against the Mustangs in a 31-10 home loss to Tulane and a 70-63 loss to San Jose State. That came a week after a record-setting Rice 45-26 the week before.

The relatively inefficient Mustang passing game could make this Saturday’s contest a breeze for the young Rice second - and third - stringers.

Not giving up big plays in key situations has been a theme of Rice’s season since it has been 1-4 since scoring fewer than 24 points. Last week, Hatfield shifted the Owls focus away from UTSA — to Brown’s defense — and they limited themselves, said he continued to do that this week.

"Whatever SMU does, they’ll do what we want them to do," Hatfield said. "But we’re going to focus on [ourselves] and how we can be better. If we get better in practice, I think put ourselves in position to win the game in the fourth quarter."

Jones beats Brown 14-0, to play Martel
Unbeaten Sid to face Hanszen/Wiess winner in semifinals

by Stephen Whittington

JONES, (3-1), one of the faster teams in Powdersville, got off to a quick start in the first quarter when senior quarterback Mark Paul broke off a 49-yard run for a touchdown. Brown (2-6) went three-and-out on its next drive at the end of the first quarter. At the start the second quarter, Brown freshman defensive back Larissa Charnsangavet intercepted Paul to give Brown the ball at Jones’ 43 yard line. Two runs from Brown junior halfback Amy Richter set up 1st-and-10 at the 30. But Brown could only muster one yard on its next four plays and turned the ball over on downs.

With 12 minutes remaining in the first half, Brown had another chance to score after a Jones punt. Two 15-yard passes — one from freshman quarterback Tari Gancayto to freshman tight end Kristen Hild and another from Richter to Charnsangavet — set up a first down at Jones’ 10 yard line with 1:07 left. Again, the Owls defense held firm, forcing three straight incomplete passes after a two-yard run from Richter to get the ball back at its own 34 and preserve its 7-0 halftime lead.

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With six minutes remaining, Brown faced 3rd-and-10 at its own 25 yard line. Down by two touch downs, Brown offensive coach Bruce Cummings elected to go for it. On the next play, junior halfback Brandi Burns converted with an eight-yard run. Three plays later, Brown went to the passing game with junior quarterback Tori Gascoyne to go for it on 4th. The Owls defense held firm, forcing two incomplete passes and a two-yard run from Richter to get the ball back at its own 34 yard line with 1:07 left.
Lance Berkman wasn't Rice's only connection to the Astros as they made their first World Series appearance in team history. Marcus Ramey, Jesse Roman and I were all behind the scenes, working for the team that captured Houston.

The three of us had different responsibilities, but being part of the Astros' pennant run was unforgettable.

Ramos (Wiesz US) is the tour department manager for the Astros, while Roman and I are full-time interns in baseball operations and ticket services, respectively.

Ramos spent the spring 2005 semester as a community development intern with the team. Most professional sports teams like to promote from within, so when the four-man group opened up the position, Ramos' prior experience with the Astros gave him an edge.

Roman played baseball for Rice before being drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals in 2001. After injuries forced him to retire, he returned to Rice to complete his degree. A few weeks into the semester, Roman obtained an internship in the ticket office with the Astros. By mid-September, he was reporting directly to Astros General Manager Tim Purpura.

After interviewing for two other jobs with the Astros, I finally landed a position in the ticket office. All three of us had different responsibilities, but we had benefited immensely from our emphasis on internship experiences.

My time with the Astros has been better than I had ever imagined. I really couldn't ask for a better experience. I will leave the team at the end of October with a lot of memories and stories to share with my friends and family.

I'm very grateful for the opportunity I had to work with such a great team and I hope that my internship experience will help me in my future endeavors.

When I look back on my time at Rice, I will always remember the opportunity I had to work with such great people and to be a part of something so special.

I truly believe that my internship experience has helped me to grow as a person and to become more confident in my abilities.

To all the people who have helped me along the way, I want to say thank you. Your support and encouragement have meant the world to me.

I will always cherish the memories I have made at Rice and I look forward to the future and the opportunities that lie ahead.
Saturday’s CUSA meet was a very fast- kilometer race, while the regional meet will be six kilometers long. "A 6K course is better for this team," Bevan said. "We have more distance-oriented runners, so that because we have a strong fitness base," Wells said. "But I don’t think you think about it too much because it’s only 1K different, and everyone’s racing on the same course." At the CUSA meet, senior Kate Kelley led the Owls with a second place finish, followed by Wells in third place. "I’m very happy with Marissa Daniels in fifth, second Anna Revere in 17th and Fonci in 20th," Hurd said. "The Owls’ 10-point gap puts them in a comfortable 11-point margin over second place Tulane/Tulsa." The win was Rice’s fourth women’s cross country Championship. Bevan and Everson said this year’s team had the lowest percentage of any of those teams. "Kary and Daniels led for about the first half of the race, Bevan said. "But I felt like we were the fittest team there, so I told Marissa and Kate that if no one else was going to win the race, they needed to carry it at a pretty hard clip," Bevan said. "I think Marissa may have gone out a little too fast — the last 1,000 meters — but by doing that, I think we made sure that it was an honest race," Wells said. Gay and Daniels’ first start helped her run well. "Kate and Marissa were leading the race the whole time — to have my teammates in view to help pull me along," Wells said. "I was behind them three full seconds, but they were in sight the whole time. The team leading together and working together, which helped to inspire me to keep going hard." Bevan said — every team member wants to win, and individually my goal was to finish in the top 15, really well." We won the first CUSA championship for any sport, and that was really exciting. Winning the conference has been our goal ever since last year, and being conference champions really meant a lot of our work paid off."
As American as apple pie, if apple pie were symphonic music.

**FRIDAY**

Fairly Legal

Student pre-law group Legalese hosts a law school fair from 1-4 p.m. at Ray Courtyard at the Rice Memorial Center. The event features representatives from law schools nationwide.

More cultured than the O-Week scavenger hunts

ADVANCE sponsors Culture Quest, a team scavenger hunt across Houston, all day tomorrow. Registration costs $2 per person and closes today. To register a team, visit http://www.rice.edu/~medropol/cq2005reg.

Like the movie, minus Robin Williams but with a classy, foreign title

Hanszen College Theater stages the musical La Cage aux Folles (The Birdcage) today through Sunday and Nov. 11-13 at 8 p.m. in the Hanszen Commons. Tickets cost $4 for students, $6 for Rice faculty and staff and $8 for others.

**SATURDAY**

As American as apple pie, if apple pie were symphonic music

The Shepherd School Symphony Orchestra performs a program of music by American composers at 8 p.m. in Stude Concert Hall. Admission is free.

Happy Guy Fawkes Day

If you do not know who Guy Fawkes is, I surely hope you are not a history major. If you do not know how to celebrate Guy Fawkes Day, I surely hope you are not a gymnast.

**TUESDAY**

Vetel

Unless you were supposed to mail a ballot to another state last week. In that case, you're screwed.

**THURSDAY**

Spinning a well-designed Web

The Rice Gallery opens "White Webb: Eminent Domain" today in Sewall Hall. The installation features designs from Matthew White and Frank Webb.

Old alumni everywhere, so let's all have a drink

Homecoming weekend begins today and culminates with football against Tulane Saturday at 5 p.m. Maybe the rowdy crowd at Pub tonight might actually be legal drinking age.

Or if you're a senior, drink with people your own age

Senior class pub night begins at 7 p.m. at Baker Street Pub in the Rice Village. Drink specials run 7-9 p.m. and free beverage tickets go to the first 50 Rice seniors to arrive.

**FRIDAY**

Fuzzy animals and flags

Oh, wait, it's Veterans Day, not Victorians Day. My bad. Come honor our veterans and hear President David Leebron speak at 11 a.m. outside the RMC by the flagpole.

Faeries and pentameter, now playing at Brown College

Brown debuts Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream tonight at 8 p.m. in the Brown commons. Tickets cost $4 for students.

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