Football coach Hatfield resigns after 12 years

by Matt McCabe and Amber Obermeyer

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Teaching Committee Chair Michael Gustin said he generally likes the changes proposed by the senate, but the committee did not make a collective decision.  

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by Anne Hierholzer

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Exam proposal should be more student-friendly

We have been calling for the death of self-scheduled exams for years. (See story, page 1.) We have said there is a burden to the Registrar's Office, a burden to the Student Association and inconsistent with the Honor Code. Now the Faculty Senate has a proposal to do away with self-scheduled exams. We like the main thrust of the proposal, as well as the addition of a 7 p.m. finals period, the earlier determination of exam times and the fact that the new system would probably encourage professors to move exams and final projects out of the last week of classes and into finals period.

However, parts of the current proposal are unacceptable and need to change. Attendees at the Nov. 21 Student Association meeting voiced their disapproval of the proposal in a 25-2 straw poll vote, and we share some of the concerns raised at that meeting. The problems with the proposal are significant, but they can be fixed by the alterations we suggest.

The main problem with the current proposal is the elimination of the rule that only classes with more than 50 students can have scheduled exams. Without this rule, students could have to take many more scheduled exams, which would hamper their preparation for their finals.

We think the best way to keep those floodgates mostly shut is to give students the option of taking their exams earlier than their scheduled dates. Every exam should be a take-home due on a date set by the Registrar's Office. But if a professor thinks students could benefit from being able to ask questions during the test — as Dean of Undergraduates Robin Forman has suggested as a reason for having for scheduled exams — the professor could also offer a scheduled exam on the designated due date, so students could use that option if they desired.

So a student with an exam on Thursday at 2 p.m. could pick up the exam from his professor on the last day of classes and either take the exam as a take-home anytime between the last day of classes and Thursday at 1:59, or show up at 2 for the scheduled option. We understand, of course, that some exams must be scheduled and cannot be take-home — those requiring audio or visual equipment, for example.

If this policy cannot be implemented, the Faculty Senate should take another measure to ensure students will not have too many scheduled exams in a short time period. This could be done by keeping the 50-student minimum and increasing from 24 hours to 27 hours the period in which students cannot have more than 2 exams.

Second, the current exam period should not give students as much flexibility as our first, preferred idea, but would still prevent students from having exams at, say, 9 a.m., Wednesday, 2 p.m. Wednesday and 9 a.m. Thursday. Such unreasonable demands on students are going to be made quite frequently if the current proposal passes unchanged.

If all exams are not made take-home, the proposal would also need other alterations. First, the Faculty Senate should make 9 a.m. the overflow exam period and 2 and 7 p.m. the standard period — students would then prefer this setup to having standard exams at 9 and 2 and overflow exams at 7.

Finally, the proposal should specify that the schedule for graduating seniors needs to be the same as it is now — all of their work should be due one week after the last day of classes.

Once these changes have been made, the Faculty Senate will have a good proposal, the passage of which we will applaud.

Enjoy the break

We are off to study for our finals and do all the other work we tossed during the semester in favor of producing one of these newspapers every week. Whatever you have been putting off, we hope it doesn't take you too long to finish. And we hope you have a relaxing, safe and Thresher-free winter break. (We know it will be Thresher-free, but you're on your own for the other two.) We will be back on January 20, 2006, with plenty of articles we have written and schoolwork we have blown off.

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This year, the three wishes for the Bush administration were to bring peace to Iraq, stabilize the economy, and improve the image of the United States. The Bush administration has made significant strides in all three areas. The economy has shown steady growth, and the country is no longer perceived as a threat to world peace.

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Brown College
Hanszen College

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Other Buildings

Academic Buildings

Vehicular

Automation Hall

Hering Hall

Fondren Library

Will Rice College

South Colleges Lot

Rayzor Hall

South Colleges Lot

West Lot

Willy's Pub

Brown College

Lab

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Academic Buildings

Other Areas

Bike

Parking Lot West

Hermann Hall

Pond C1

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"Thinkin' general's a good idea," Corcoran says. "I think the main issue is eliminating the self-scheduled exams, which have really been very problematic."

Corcoran said the senate is responsible for setting the academic calendar. She said making it self-scheduled exams by the registration office would not make sense because it is understaffed to begin with," Levy said. "They have to calculate final grades for graduating seniors, Forman said he expects faculty members will remain concerned about having enough time to grade their exams to give more take-home finals. Under the current system, take-home finals can be due until the last day of the final exam period, which makes it a less than ideal situation. However, Havlicek said students will benefit from knowing before the start of the semester when their final exams will be scheduled so they can better plan their vacation schedules.

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Masters committee seeks opinion

by Sarah Baker

The Committee on Masters and Resident Associates hosted forums this week at Wiess and Martel Colleges to discuss the role of faculty members in the college system. At Tuesday's forum at Wiess, History Professor Ira Gruber, who chairs the committee appointed by President David Leebron and Dean of Undergraduates Robin Forman, led the discussions. Gruber said he was Hansom College master from 1986-73, posed questions about the role of masters, resident assistants and faculty associates within the colleges, as well as the selection process for masters and RAs.

"What we're interested in hearing is how the colleges are working and what doesn't seem to be working," Gruber said. "We've noticed some things from the outside already." Gruber said colleges differ in the total number of faculty associates and that there is a disparity between colleges in the number of masters' and departments' representatives.

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"Some colleges have 22 and some colleges have 12," Gruber said. "There's something that's quite right about that, since the non-residents are supposed to be there to get to know any of the inboarding scheme." Gruber said he suggested the colleges work together to smooth out some of these discrepancies.

Gruber said the committee also noticed the emphasis on scholarly work at Rice has discouraged younger faculty members from becoming involved in the colleges. He said some deans and department chairs are wary of faculty getting deeply involved with the colleges early in their careers. "Everybody knows at Rice the emphasis is on scholarship, then teaching and then service to the university," in descending order," Gruber said. "That means if you have a young person here who is trying to get tenure, he or she is under a lot of pressure to care for research and teaching and, if there is any time left over, some kind of service to the university.

The committee consists of 12 members (above, below), including three masters, one RA and five service.

Gruber said the committee was meant to be representative of all colleges as well as the kinds of people who have contact with the college. The committee was divided into five subcommittees.

"The subcommittees have gone off to explore the nature of other residential college systems in the United States, to see how the administration views the colleges at present and what they think of the faculty in them, to see how the faculty think, and, of course, to see how the students think," Gruber said.

Gruber said the committee aims to present recommendations to Forman and Leebron shortly after winter break.

Wesw College junior Malcolm Ezekiel speaks at a forum on the roles of masters, resident associates and faculty associates Tuesday in the Rice Swiss Private Dining Room. A similar forum was held Wednesday in the Market PDR. Both forums were hosted by the Committee on Masters and RAs, which was appointed by President David Leebron and Dean of Undergraduates Robin Forman.

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STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The Student Association met Monday. The following were discussed.

The senate approved two new clubs. Campus Girl Scouts at Rice University helps students volunteer to facilitate events at Rice for local Girl Scout troops and to pack care packages for overseas interested students (contact Nicole Khan at reenigirlrice.edu). "OoDolphy" is a club for students interested in chemistry. The group is already active and regularly goes on fact-finding outings to the Houston Museum of Natural Science (contact Erica Flor at eflano@rice.edu).

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nkmehan@rice.edu)."elaraine@rice.edu).
Peacock also said the Pages complement each other well and should collectively be able to accommodate all Baker students. "As a couple they balance each other out and are very much welcoming to all kinds of different social styles on this campus," Peacock said.

Finding complementary RAs was a high priority for the search committee, which chose to fill its two RA openings simultaneously. Peacock said this approach was effective since the committee had a sufficiently large and qualified applicant pool.

"It was really nice to be able to consider who would work well together," he said. "Interviews [for both positions] were fresh on our minds. [We] really focused on finding a good team ... and were able to find a good balance."

Subhawong said the process was effective and the only disadvantage was that the Pages were not able to give their input on the second RA, since Thompson was hired simultaneously.

Page said she and Thompson are well-matched because they both work in student affairs. Peacock said their involvement in student affairs will make it easier for them to become acclimated to the college.

"Even though both RAs will be relatively new, the transition will be very easy because they both already know about student life," he said.

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"I'm going to be very diligent about ensuring that students can come to me as an RA," Page said. "I don't see my role as an RA as having any direct bearing on my role as director of the Wellness Center. I don't want to be hypocritical, though, I will still be concerned about student well-being as an RA."
In a meeting Wednesday before the press conference, Bowen College senior Adam Herrin, a member of the football team, said from members were surprised when they heard rumors Hatfield might resign. Herrin said he enjoyed playing for Hatfield, "He's been here five years, and I have a personal relationship with him," Herrin said. "But there were a lot of questions that needed to be answered about what the future holds." Herrin said Hatfield's resignation will "look forward to next season."

Hatfield held his usual post-season news conference Tuesday, at which he spoke about looking forward to next season. May said answering questions that way was necessary because Hatfield had not resigned.

"Something of this magnitude takes time," May said. "That expression involved, and until that process is brought to conclusion, there is no change that you can discuss... Ken would not have been in a position to make comments [Tuesday]."

Search process

A search committee including player and staff representatives will be formed soon, May said. May will probably work with President David Leebron in forming the search committee, Crow and Gottlieb said, will not be formally involved in the search process.

May said one of his main concerns is finding a coach who understands Rice's culture.

"We need someone who can eat, sleep, dream football but who understands the academic challenges that student-athletes will face at Rice, and who is prepared to come in knowing all that and feel they can be just as successful," May said.

"I absolutely believe...we can find someone who can meet the challenge here in every respect."

May said he admires Hatfield's integrity and character and hopes to find a new coach with similar traits.

"Successful programs build character, develop leadership skills and prepare student-athletes for life after athletes," May said. "As we are this process, we feel we can build a winning program on the field, instilling the proper mental components we need to be successful."

May said Rice's winning points include its 70,000-student base, its international reputation and its football tradition.

May said finding a new head coach will be the main challenge Hatfield resigned shortly after Saturday's season-ending game against the University of Houston.

"I think the timing — and you can thank Ken for that — is going to give us our worst summer," May said. "We're going to look at a new coaching staff before the end of the bowl season."

The new head coach will make his own decision about whether or not to retain any of Rice's nine assistant football coaches, May said.

Hatfield at Rice

Although the football team has lost 160 of its last 225 games, Hatfield coached Rice to three of the five winning seasons since 1983. Hatfield replaced Fred Goldsmith in 1994, and Rice defeated the University of Texas and earned a share of the Southwest Conference title that season. Hatfield said that game was one of his favorite memories from coaching at Rice.

"It was on national TV... on Sunday night, and it was unopposed by any other sporting event," Hatfield said. "The team was 7-5-1 in 25 years... To see N-D-Kals (over the University of Maryland) and the Philadelphia Eagles, have two sacks late in the game, and for us to go on to tie for the Southwest Conference championship in the first year, was monumental."

Hatfield said another of his favorite moments was when Rice defeated an undeated University of Southern Mississippi team 21-14 in 1998.

"We played a club team that was national champion, and we beat them 51-6," Hatfield said. "It was the first time they didn't know how to stay in the game."

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"We need to get our ducks in a row, and we need to present the best face we can to the people who will be involved in this interest," May said. "We're really trying to make as many commitments as we can in order to make this job compelling. 100%. We have someone for us — it's a great institution with great history and a great new conference — and we need to capitalize."

"The report is that we're looking at the business model of the program, which was retained in May 2004, state that Rice's athletic department had a deficit of more than $50 million in fiscal year 2003. The board committed to supporting Division 1A athletics shortly after the McKinsey Report was completed, but Crow said that Crow is also required that the athletic department to do a better job of managing its budget."

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BSA holds forum on issues facing black Rice students

by Amber Ombreyer

Black Student Association members and other students identified Orientation Week, the large number of upperclassmen minorities living off campus and the small number of tenable black students at Rice as problems the university faces at a conference Tuesday.

BSA President Daniel Anderson began the event, entitled "Black Rice first, present and future," by evaluating Rice's responsibility to black students and black students' responsibility to the university, by introducing History Professor Beko Binder, who began by speaking about Rice's image in black communities.

"A good number of black leaders have perceptions about Rice that are completely at odds with reality," Byrd said. "They think Rice is a tough place to be and that they aren't going to be taken as seriously or that they're going to be treated like they're forced to do things." Anderson said.

But one of Rice's most endearing aspects, Anderson said, is the sense of community among black faculty and students.

"Older black women on campus come after them... They helped me away from home.... They helped me celebrate my 20th reunion,... I hope they're like my mom," Anderson said.

"When the alumni office looks at black giving, they need to see high percentages," Byrd said. "That shows we're putting our stake in the institution, and when you show you have a stake in the institution, you're taking very seriously.

"Especially during O-Week, it seems like there are no alternatives... people come to Rice because they're forced to do things," Anderson said.

Byrd said black students should work together to identify the most important problems at the university.

"I resent the fact that a lot of black people kind of go away by going to school up north," Obi said. "I thought there was a real lack of concern on the black students here, and I wanted to bring about change in Houston."

Obi said Rice has not focused on certain types of companies and industries with both Career Services and the job market in general.

"1 resented the fact that a lot of black students aren't going to be able to go to Rice. They should be living at Rice," Davis said he has often been mistaken for being black. "If the college system is a problem, then we should be living on campus trying to fix it." Brown said. "But that's hard when you don't feel welcome.

"If the college system is a problem, then we should be living on campus trying to fix it," Davis said. "But that's hard when you don't feel welcome." Geography graduate student Mark Little said he prefers the residential system at the university, where he was an undergraduate. At Harvard, freshmen form groups with their friends, and those groups are randomly assigned to houses, which include sophomores, juniors and seniors. Freshmen live separately.

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McGill said he has been involved in college government, which he has enjoyed. McGill said he hopes black students at the college will follow the model of campus black groups and have smaller, college-centric meetings or lunches. Marriott College President Luis Aronilla said he hopes black students realize they can effect change by becoming involved in the college system. Aronilla, a senior, said cut socials funding this year in attempt to reduce the prominence of alcohol in events and make the college more inclusive.

Swing for the fences

A gold towel cut at a softball at the Rice Tallaght Games Nov. 19. The event was organized by students in the class KINE 366: Event and Facility Management. The class was given $5,000 to plan an event for its end-of-semester project.
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Bucking at Rice

Rice has great musicians. With a top-five-ranked music school, finding someone who can sight-read a sonata or compose a concerto on a whistle has never been a problem. But despite the many events each week at Alice Pratt Brown Hall, music does not happen such concerts frequently, and many students do not get a chance to show off their musical talents. So enter KTRU and the second annual KUKE University Battle of the Bands, which gave everyone an opportunity to show off their skills to both fans and strangers they, 13 at the lowest college undergrounds. Five bands competed and Music walked away with a banner- new, bumper-sticker-laden guitar. The event lends its name to the KUKE community as a venue for fresh talent to make its debut. The Squirrel intermixture of the bands in the battle to get a closer look at the rock star side of Rice.

Who are some of your musical influences?

DK: Thank you. The night after our very first show, we decided then and there to change our name to "The Douchebag." What is your favorite memory with the band?

JA: It was a dark and stormy Monday when Evan, out of the blue, searched facebook.com for others with the interest "the NHU on KRCU." Naturally, he found me. After a long game of phone tag we ended up at Taco Cabana together, along with my roommate Andrew. After this initial meeting, we searched relentlessly for a drummer, to no avail. At this time, Andy was playing drums with another band, Siddharth a.k.a. The sumers a.k.a. Hungry Band Eats Lali's a.k.a. Fat Boy Radio the "Cookie" Factory a.k.a. Signal Ridge. The property of this polymathic band graduated fortunately Andy did not, Andy and I were both drinking "sake grape juice" from the battle when it dawned on me, Andy was handsless and we were drummers. The rest is Moxie.

What is your favorite original song?

EC: That song sucks.

DK: Ee-ggs In Da-bordik.

DK: That song kicks ass.

ME: Dive at first sight.

DK: Last week.

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DK: "Get Out Of My House."

EC: "Diving."

DK: That's all our songs, dude.

What are your musical influences?

DK: Soul Chugging is the obvious one, I guess. B: We don't like them, though. We've always been EC: True. What about Morphine?

DK: Yeah, people will definitely think of that. I'll blabber because of our instrumentation. Our style actually goes back, though, to Louis Armstrong and the Verve.

DA: Well, a white back, in a line somewhere. Ellis Island.

DK: Just go to school here.

How did you meet?

EC: Last week.

DK: You're not supposed to tell them.

EC: Crap. We formed in 1982 in East St. Louis. If you haven't heard of us yet, it's because we are really freaking underground.

DK: Thank you.

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JK: We have been playing together since Fall 2001. We all went to the same middle school and high school, and since we were all best friends before we were bandmates, we have been a really cohesive group.

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DE: Deltron, Nectarine, Max Richter, Elbow, Goo Goo Dolls, dinner theater, Adelaide.

What is your favorite original song?

ME: "Sequenced."

This is a song from the music is on iTunes Music Store. It's a really personal meaning for each one of us.

Little Boogie 25 hours

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University of Texas sophomore Evan Taffet, vocals
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The first-place trophy: an electric guitar covered in KTRU bumper stickers.

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Little Boogie 25 hours mollies out the crowd with jazz instrumental and avant-garde customers.

Julia Bursten photos

Marshall Robinson

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The last time an actress really "sung" to the audience in a super-villain costume, a Democrat occupied the White House. Britney Spears was in elementary school and Madonna gave interviews without the slightest hint of a British accent.

That was 1992, when Michelle Pfeiffer achieved iconic status as the character "Elvira" in Tim Burton's Batman Returns. And even as the 1990s were approaching their final post-Candlemas days, Pfeiffer attempted to set the screen ablaze while bringing three-dimensional superheros to life (thank Halle Berry in both X-Men films and her own ill-fated Catwoman). Charlene Theron's performance in Aeon Flux has been the first to rise to the standard Pfeiffer set.

The film, an on-screen adaptation of Peter's award-winning MT伏ら系列 (60 episodes) from Grafight director Karyn Kusama, gives her good groundwork, too.

Since playing Keays Reeves' terrified Southern bride in the Norman Rockwell thriller The Devil's Advocate,aley Gagnor's female in The Caine Mutiny, and Matt Damon's love interest in the soporific The Legend of Bagger Vance, Theron has graduated from arm candy to a well-dugded Hollywood horse. She took home an Oscar for her searing portrayal of real-life serial killer Aileen Wuornos in Monster two years ago. This fall, she proved that she can stand up for herself with an endearing portrait of a woman battling sexual harassment in a Minnesoan small town in North Country. While Country is just the type of film that Pfeiffer's die-hard Oscar fans expect Theron to nab a nomination — and said awards-killing is not a factor when choosing a role.

"I think she was very much a woman conflicted in the same way I think a lot of women are," she said. "Just yet you know the story takes place 400 years in the future and her circumstances are very different." It may be easy to brush off the film as just another in a series of superhero adaptations. Last year alone, audience saw Robert Rodriguez bring Frank Miller's Sin City to the screen, as well as a financially successful but critically slammed Fantastic Four film adaptation. Next year, X Men director Bryan Singer will bring the man of steel back to the screen in Superman Returns.

While Theron sees Flux as a thrilling action film with impressive technical merits and effects, she also sees Aeon as a politically compelling character. Aeon is that quintessential character who stands up against the government and does her thing and does not live in a gilded cage and [does not just stay] quiet," Theron said. "She believes in the freedom of speech and individual rights. The whole film is really about questioning your government and I think the majority of Americans is doing that right now.

In addition to being seen in the simultaneously North Country and Aeon Flux, which opens today, Theron has been on the small screen in a recurring role on the just-cancelled Arrested Development. She said Monster director Patty Jenkins, who directed a few episodes in the show's second season, connected her with Arrested creator Mitch Hurwitz. "We were having dinner and she was like, 'Oh, because I really loved the show.' Theron said. 'It is one of the few things on television that I think is just written so well. I said to her, 'Oh my God, you please do it again.' I am a huge fan and I would love to do anything with her.'"

This fall, Theron played a five-episode arc as Rita, the British love interest of Michael Muhney's Adam on The Young and the Restless.

Meanwhile, Mark's ex-girlfriend Marla Manners (the Broadway's red hot Angelina Jolie) tries to protect homeless people from Mark and Roger's super-villain ex-roommate Benny (Equilibrium's Jim Carrey) by digging into neighborhood development with performance art. Marla dates Joanne (Tracii Thoms), a civil rights lawyer and the only employed bohemian in the cast — besides Tom Collins (Gwen L. Martin from Law and Order), a computer science teaching assistant, who has recently quit his day job and who makes money by hacking into ATMs.

This whiny crop of characters who refuse to grow up and get jobs makes a mediocre response at best from moviegoers, in contrast with the intense affection they scored in many theater patrons. The change most likely results from the difference in the star's venus: people accept the over-the-top, absurd and surrealism of Broadway musicals in movies much more readily than they do in films. And besides, singing actors look showy musical numbers really shine. The film's producers simply do not have done, but these are merely rentals from an ever-evolving land of genies for whom Columbus has been a papertown. Sure, individual characters are well-paced and entertaining — they almost have to be, since most of the actors were cast directly from the same movie auditions — but a musical is supposed to be about style and music, and the story is about love, friendship and eventual death or wedding. True Rent fans should enjoy this film adaptation, but only if they do not throw up at some of the harsher hacking.
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Owls defeat Prairie View A&M

by Chris Pasch

Behind career-best performances from senior forward J.R. Harrison and redshirt freshman guard Rodney Foster, the Owls defeated Prairie View A&M with a 71-68 overtime victory Tuesday at the Toyota Center in Houston. Rice students can pick up free tickets to the UT game at Autry Court until Friday.

You look at [freshman guard] Cory [Pfieger] and you don't expect to get those kinds of things out of him, but he gives you a lot of intangibles.  
— Willis Wilson (Willie Rice) '82 
Head men's basketball coach

Football loses to Houston, ends season 1-10

by Adam Tabak

The Owls lost to the Cougars 23-17 Monday night at Robertson Stadium. The Owls took the lead in the first quarter, but the Cougars owned the final three quarters.

What makes me feel better is that I don't regret anything. I put my heart and soul and everything into it, so I don't feel bad at all. 
— John Sytyak
Senior defensive end
A look ahead

Nen's basketball has much room to grow

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No matter who we’re playing, we need to come out with the same intensity and aggressiveness... —Kade Riverin

Scoring
Each college gets four points for a first-place finish in a sport, three points for second, two points for third, one point for fourth.
Swimmers compete at Texas A&M Saturday

The Rice swim team finished in fourth place at the Georgia Tech Invitational held Nov. 18-20 in Atlanta, accumulating 515 points in the 34th event meet. This weekend the Owls will compete in a dual meet against Texas A&M University in College Station. Texas. After that meet, the team will compete in the three-day University of Nevada Las Vegas Invitational Dec. 17-19 to end its fall season. Despite winning only two events, the Owls ended on a positive note in the Georgia Tech Invitational, as the 400-yard freestyle relay team of freshman Carlyann Miller, senior Laura Lee Healy, junior Andrea Hurst and freshman Diane Gu took first place in the final event of the meet with a combined time of 3:31.27.39 seconds. Earlier in the meet, sophomore Brittany Massengale won the mile with an NCAA provisional qualifying time of 14:45.17, eleven seconds ahead of the next finisher.

Women’s cross takes 25th at national meet

The women’s cross country team finished 25th out of a field of 31 teams at the NCAA Championships held Nov. 21 in Terre Haute, Ind. The meet was the final competition for the Owls in 2005, a capstone to a successful season that included a first-place Conference USA finish and a third-place finish at the South-Central Regional Championships. It was also the last collegiate meet for seniors Kate Gorry, Ara Reeve and Sarah Yoder, all of whom are in their last year of eligibility. This year’s finish indicated an all-around improvement for the team, who last year had only Marissa Daniels qualify to run at the national meet. Daniels, a sophomore, finished in 58th place at this year’s national championships and was the top Owl finisher for the second straight year. Gorry, who finished 79th, paced the team to a 50th-point finish, six points behind Butler University and seven points ahead of the University of Virginia, which was ranked 25th to Rice’s 27th in the final Final Six Invitational NCAA Women’s Cross Country Coaches Association poll. Stanford University finished 1st place with 140 points.

Sophomore Callie Wells finished 101st place, followed by freshman Lea Garcia in 174th, Yoder in 180th, sophomore Laura Kelley in 190th and Reeve, who was 196th.

— Dylan Farmer

Men’s Basketball

The Owls have non-conference games against Palm Beach Atlantic, Texas Southern, Yale and Princeton at home and games at Arkansas and McNeese State over winter break. Rice opens Conference USA play against cross-town rival UH at Autry Court Jan. 11.

RICE BASKETBALL

Men’s Basketball

vs Utah

Saturday, 12/3 3pm

Women’s Basketball hosts the Hackerman Invitational

Friday at 7 pm, facing Davidson in the first round of the Gene Hackerman Invitational at Autry Court.

Rice will face either former Western Athletic Conference rival Louisiana Tech or Texas-San Antonio on Saturday at 5:30 or the championship game at 7:30 pm.

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RICE BASKETBALL

Rice Owls senior guard Taylor Price (10) defends against Texas-San Antonio’s Kaylen Donald (4) at the Tudor Fieldhouse Saturday. Price had 16 points in the Owls’ 78-67 win.

SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Despite the difficult season, several Owls were honored for their individual achievements this week. Sytypak was named to the all-C-USA first team and Smith was named to the all-CUSA second team.

— Marshall Robinson/Thresher

In sports, it’s not that far from one end of the spectrum to the other," Hatfield said.

Before Thanksgiving, the Owls defeated New Mexico Highlands Texas-A&M and Central Florida close this year, Hatfield said he thinks the team will be better next year.

"It’s hard to put a value on experience, and there’s no way of getting that energy on the offensive side, so we don’t have much room for improvement," Willis said. "We haven’t been consistently defensive this year [but] I thought to- night we were a lot more consistent throughout."
Rice (1-2)

November 26, 2005 — Bank of America Arena

Attendance — 2,245

Assists — Rice 12 (Neaves 3, Berezhynska 3), Washington 3 (Wilson 2, Almond 1)

BY THE NUMBERS

Totals: 33 62 2-3 3-8 1-8 0-6 0-5 0-1 0-2 0-3 0-4 0-5

Three-point goals — Rice 2-7 (Berezhynska 1, Frazier 1), Rice 2-9 (Almond 0, Harrison 1)

Rebounds — Texas Tech 43 (Davis 10), Rice 45 (Harrison 9)

Individual Stats

Rice — Armstrong 6-12-1185, Clement 2-4-129, 3-22, Jackson 1-10-1, Merritt 1-9-1, Francis 1-6-1

Rice — Falco 3-12-0, Dillard 3-4-0, Almond 1-3-0, Smith 1-8

Rice — Neaves 10-17-27, Berezhynska 5-14-11, 1-1-0, Frazier 2-4-0, Castro 2-2-0, McNeill 1-1-2, 2-2-0

Rice — Smith 10 run (Juist kick)

Washington (5-0)

November 18, 2005 — Stedham Stadium, Houston, Tex.

Attendance — 1,214

RU — Smith 10 run (Juist kick)

Washington — Croddick 0-6-0, Watson 14-6-10, 8, Schelly 1-1-0, Banks 2-4-1, 1-2-6, O'Neill 1-3-1, Bell 1-4-2

Central Florida 31 Rice 28

November 17, 2005 — Tropicana Field, St. Petersburg, Fl.

Attendance — 1,444

Oregon 84 Rice 60

November 20, 2005 — Autzen Stadium, Eugene, Or.

Attendance — 11,218

Rice 65 Marquette 82

November 18, 2005 — Bradley Center, Milwaukee, Wis.

Attendance — N/A

Rice 32 Marquette 49

November 30—December 2, 2005

Fridays: 14-16, Saturdays: 12-15, Sundays: 0-11

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FRIDAY
School's out for the ... winter

President's study break
President David Leebron and Dean of Undergraduates Robin Portrait hold a study break in the Rice Memorial Center from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The study break has a "Chill" theme and features live music, free massages, crafts, free food and smoothie samples.

MONDAY
Spend your holidays selling your school
The Student Admissions Council asks students to pick up information packets for holiday break home visits, available beginning today in all college coordinators' offices.

TUESDAY
Santa's List day
I only wish I were kidding. The greeting card companies have completely monopolized December and today is a nationally recognized holiday to sort kids onto Santa's naughty or nice list. I am going to make it easy for Rice students with a quick sorting question: Do you remember the night of NOD? You may put down the egg nog, remember the night of NOD? It's kind of like that last part... but it rhymed, didn't it? That has to count for something. The Richard Vella Experience, a jazz group composed of five Rice students, plays at Ovations Night Club at Times Boulevard beginning at 8 p.m. and cover is $5 for Rice students, $10 for others.

WEDNESDAY
Exam period begins
You may put down the egg nog, pick up a No. 2 pencil and start testing. Scheduled finals begin today and end Dec. 14 at 5 p.m.

A little day music
The Sam Dinkins III Quartet performs a free concert of holiday-themed jazz at 12 p.m. at the Wortham Theater Center downtown. It's kind of like "Picnic with the Pops," but cooler, because it's jazz.

FRIDAY
Chicks, politics and a friendly game of pick-up sticks
Hmmm, I may have fished about that last part... but it rhymed, didn't it? That has to count for something. The Houston chapter of the League of Women Voters hosts its annual holiday luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at the Brier Club, 2800 Timmons Ln. The event honors newly elected officials and costs $30.

HOLIDAYS MORE REAL THAN SANTA'S LIST DAY
Dec. 16-24: Las Posadas
Hispanic celebration honoring Mary and Joseph's search for lodging in Bethlehem.

Dec. 21: Winter solstice
Shortest day of the year. Especially if you live in Alaska.

Dec. 25: Christmas
That day Hallmark lives for.

Dec. 25-Jan. 1: Kwanzaa
A celebration of African culture, traditions and family.

Dec. 25-Jan. 2: Hanukkah
It actually begins the evening of Dec. 25, in case you were confused by that sundown thing.

RICE ATHLETICS
Friday, Dec. 2
7 p.m: Women's basketball vs. Davidson
Austry Court

Saturday, Dec. 3
3 p.m: Men's basketball vs. Utah
Austry Court

6:30 or 7:30 p.m: Women's basketball vs. LA Tech, or UTSA
Austry Court

Monday, Dec. 5
7 p.m: Men's basketball vs. UT
Toyota Center

Thursday, Dec. 15
7:30 p.m: Men's basketball vs. Palm Beach Atlantic
Austry Court

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Who should replace Hatfield as football coach?

Ancient Philosophy Professors
For those who feel that Rice football as a whole is utterly pointless, rather than changing direction, Division III would welcome your help.

A philosophy professor who has never given up on the philosophy department as our new football coaches. With ancient philosophy professors, players will learn to treat their souls and minds, not money, reputation or even emotion, as they are on the sideline and recognize that they actually know about football. Indeed, recognition of what one does not know is a mark of true wisdom.

Rex, so he'll lose you if you hate America, you must be a non-WASP and non-NFL fan after all. But we're sure Zombie Heisman has the moxie to make Rice football the bees' knees. Plus, our zombie flipper helmeted cheerleaders will have you saying gee-whiz until the cows come home, or until you tire of their parrotlike不变.

Joh Ashcroft
Rice is known for being a very an apathetic college, but with former Attorney General John Ashcroft out of a job, he could be fighting for our football team. We can use politics to our advantage.

With Ashcroft leading the Owls, they'll be able to secretly access film and金融服务 information on football opponents and continue our illegal efforts to blackmail any team into forfiting.

John W. Heisman
Did you know John W. Heisman, of Heisman Trophy renown, used to coach football at Rice? It's true! Did you know that he has been dead since 1936? But for those of you who have lost all hope, we're sure Zombie Heisman has the moxie to make Rice football the bees' knees.

Plus, our zombie flipper helmeted cheerleaders will have you saying gee-whiz until the cows come home, or until you tire of their parrotlike不变. And with the influence of Ashley, larger than life, they'll be able to secretly access film and finances information on football opponents and continue our illegal efforts to blackmail any team into forfiting.

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