Texas House candidates debate

by Matthew McKee

A Rice student running for the Texas House of Representatives election joined two other candidates to discuss public education, stem cell research, the Trans-Texas Corridor and other issues in a debate Oct. 12 in McMurtry Auditorium.

The three candidates for the Texas House of Representatives District 134 seat, which includes Rice, are Republican incumbent Martha Wong, Democrat Ellen Cohen and Libertarian Minh Dekmezian, who is also a Brown College junior. The College Libertarians of Rice University, the Rice Vote Coalition and the Rice Young Democrats sponsored the debate.

The race for the seat has been fierce as Wong and Cohen have raised over one million dollars in combined campaign funding, making this the most expensive state legislative race in Texas.

Cohen, who is the president and chief executive officer of the Houston Area Women's Center, received strong audience support from the crowd of about 250, more than half of whom were students. Primarily going on the offensive, Cohen emphasized her commitment to crossing the divide of partisan politics.

"Partisan politics is why we are where we are today," she said. "You can't shake hands with a closed fist.

Wong, a retired teacher and the daughter of Chinese immigrants, highlighted her accomplishments as representative during a debate and defended herself against Cohen's accusations.

"I run to give back to the community," Wong said.

Dekmezian faltered during some responses and primarily presented points with which the other candidates agreed. Dekmezian said he is an alternative to mainstream politics.

"To improve society, we need to have more ideas out there," he said. "It's what I'm going to bring to everyone — alternative viewpoints and a moderate candidate.

When asked how he manages a campaign while attending college, Dekmezian said he does not sleep.

Four faculty members asked questions of the candidates: Education and Sociology Professor Roland Smith Jr., and Political Science professors Paul Braze, Gilbert Cutler-Henson and Bob Stein.

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Want to graduate?

Tuesday is the last day for undergraduates and graduate students to file an application with the Office of the Registrar designating a January 2007 graduation. It is also the last day for undergraduates to submit an application for May 2007 degree conferral.

Sexual assault awareness

Today, 72 members of Students Organized Against Rape are wearing T-shirts recognizing Against Rape are wearing T-shirts recognizing Against Rape are wearing T-shirts recognizing Against Rape are wearing T-shirts against the number of sexual assaults estimated to occur at a campus the size of Rice each year. Volunteers will also distribute information on sexual assault prevention and encourage discussion on the matter.

Swim meet

Catch the swim team as it takes on the SMU Mustangs today at 6 p.m. at the Rice Pool. This year you only chance this semester to see the swim team compete at home.

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Smith runs for 3 TDs in Owls' second straight win

by Nathan Hiedsoe

The football team notched consecutive wins for the first time in two years with a 49-29 victory over the University of Central Florida Saturday in Orlando, Fla. At UCF, sophomore Jarrett Dillard caught a touchdown pass for the 10th game in a row, extending his nation- leading streak.

Dillard had seven receptions for 63 yards in the game, but the real de- fensive standout was senior running back Quentin Smith, who scored three second-half touchdowns, the first of which came on a 9-yard scamper. Smith ran for a career-best 180 yards on 21 carries for his first 100-yard rushing game since the season opener against the University of Houston Sept. 2.

Head coach Todd Graham said Rice (3-5, 2-2 Conference USA) was able to take advantage of the UCF defensive back set UCF (6-3-2) employed for most of the game.

"They tried to spread it out with six guys, [putting only] five in the box, so we had a great game running the football," Graham said.

Defensively, the Owls continued to struggle, surrendering 482 yards of offense to the Golden Knights. The defense made plays when it mattered, though, as UCF committed two turnovers and scored just three "true" field goals in seven trips inside the Owls' 35-yard line.

"We played pretty good down in the red zone," sophomore linebacker Brian Blaine said. "We clamped down and played harder, and [several times] they weren't able to come away with a touchdown.

Rice opened the game with a trick play, recovering an onside attempt on the opening kickoff.

Junior kicker Labrum Jones converted a 45-yard field goal attempt, setting the tone for the rest of the game. The teams battled to a 13-13 tie at halftime.

Junior defensive back Michael Torres made his third field goal in the game.

Rice beat the Owls for the second straight season in another home loss.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

To the editor:

I would like to extend my appreciation for the Rice students' efforts to support the Rice football team during their fall season. Their support serves as a reminder of the Rice tradition of dedication to our sports programs and the values that they represent. I admire the students' commitment and passion for our football team and the Rice community.

Sincerely,

Todd Graham
Head Football Coach
**Informative Article**

The CDC Genital HPV Infection is now one of the most common sexually transmitted diseases in the United States. According to the CDC, approximately 50 million people in the United States are infected with HPV, and about 14 million new HPV infections occur each year. Most people who are infected with HPV do not develop any symptoms or signs of disease. However, some infections can lead to genital warts or cervical cancer. In fact, the CDC Genital HPV Infection is now considered to be one of the most common sexually transmitted diseases in the United States, affecting half of sexually active individuals at some point in their lifetime.

** Trotting Toward Literacy**

Schuyler Woods is a Lovett College junior who enjoys writing. In one of my literature classes, one of my assignments was to write a short story on the topic of sexual infections. This idea of writing about such a personal and sensitive topic terrified me. Make no mistake, I was not comfortable with the idea of exposing myself to the world. I agreed that her Google homepage was impressive by comparison.

"It’s really easy to set one up," she told me. She clicked back to the login page and typed in her Google password. "Who doesn’t want to go to their favorite shopping sites, right?" I asked. "Exactly!" she answered. "But let’s not forget about the benefits. Google knows you, and it can help you save money!"

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Texas faces a crucial choice — an opportunity to dramatically change the direction of this state. Yes, he is a Democrat, but I hope Texans can look beyond partisanship and consider the issues at hand. The state is at a crossroads: Will Chris Bell help lead us back on the path of Texas leadership? 

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The candidates agreed on several usually controversial issues, such as abortion rights and stem-cell research. Wong and Cohen both said they support the decision in Roe v. Wade — although Dekmezian said he supports a woman's right to choose in all cases — and the three candidates said they would support a pro-choice measure to reauthorize the Texas legislative districts. The three candidates also support stem-cell research, although Cohen said Wong did not stand up for investment in the Texas Medical Center's stem-cell research programs.

When asked about the state of health care in Texas, Cohen said $477 million in federal grants were not used for state health care system, and he is concerned about the Children's Health Insurance Program, which costs too much for Medicaid but can not offer private insurance coverage for their children. Cohen said Wong had voted to reduce government funding for CHIP.

Wong said he was more concerned about public education. He said the cuts were necessary to balance the state budget, something that is required by the state constitution. The candidates were also asked about Texas public education.

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Cohen said Texas was the only state to lose per-pupil spending last year. She said property tax reductions should be backed up only if 12.20 per cent or 100th value instead of Wong's support of 3.00 to help pay for private education. Cohen also criticized vouchers allowing students to attend private schools.

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Rockets, Astros owners talk business

The unique challenges of owning professional sports teams and managing the revenue they generate were two of the topics Houston sports team owners addressed Monday. Leslie Alexander, owner of the Rockets and Comets, and Drayton McLane, the owner of the Astros, answered questions at McNair Hall from an audience of several hundred.

Bob McNair — the owner of the Houston Texans — had also been scheduled to participate, but was unable to attend.

Students that asked questions about a variety of topics, including specific athletes, but many of the questions and answers focused on the economics of professional sports team ownership.

Both owners said baseball is the most lucrative professional sport, which Alexander said is due to the revenue base from the NFL's nationally televised games. He said basketball and baseball generate most of their revenue locally. Merchandising is only a small part of revenue for professional teams, while ticket sales and luxury suite sales are the leading revenue areas.

"Drayton and I would both like to make $100 million a year," Alexander said. "Definitely in the past, it was better to be the owner of a professional football team, but I think that could change in a couple of years."

Professional football teams also share more revenue, so large market teams help support small market ones. Baseball only shares about 20 percent of its revenue, McLane said.

Even if given the opportunity to own in another professional sport, McLane would still choose to be a baseball team owner, he said. He cited Major League Baseball's exemption from antitrust laws as a unique aspect of the business. However, the sport's lack of a salary cap does lead to an uneven playing field between teams.

"The New York Yankees have a (team) salary of $200 million. The Houston Astros would have a salary of $30 million. The Astros team salary last year was 902.5 million.

Sometimes big-ticket players, like the Rockets' center Yao Ming, do not generate the revenue expected, Alexander said. "We're just starting now to finally see revenue from China," he said. "Ticket sales I thought would accrue because of Yao didn't appear. Tickets sold out with [Cleveland Cavaliers forward] LeBron James, but not with Yao."

Despite the differences in base- ball payroll, McLane said the sport is working toward parity among teams, in part through its draft and other procedures. Alexander said a high degree of parity exists in professional basketball because of the NBA's salary cap.

"San Antonio is usually small but has won many championships," Alexander said. "New York hasn't won a whole and [Los Angeles] hasn't won. We have true parity in our sport."

Both owners said the Internet has the power to dramatically change their marketing and audience base. Alexander said Internet gaming is a potential opportunity for revenue generation. McLane said advanced software and Internet capabilities have increased access.

"You can be anywhere in the world and watch baseball," McLane said. "Advanced media can give you every statistic, you're going to have a totally different audience in 10 years."

The owners were also asked how they inspire their players to win.

Alexander said he focuses on hiring talented coaches and players, but he ultimately leaves inspiration to the coaches. McLane said all the administrative personnel, including scouts, general managers, and coaches are important to developing a team committed to winning. Baseball is different from other sports because players must stay motivated many nights in a row.

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"The questions were good," McLane said. "I was impressed by the session. The questions were good."
POLICE BLOTTER

The following items were reported to the Rice University Police Department for the period Oct. 12-23.

Residential Colleges

Brown College
Oct. 12 Possible attempted sexual assault Sept. 24 reported. Case unfounded.

Hanszen College
Oct. 12 Bicycle stolen.

Hanszen College
Oct. 17 Bicycle stolen.

Hanszen College
Oct. 17 Sexual harassment on a previous date reported.

Lowell College
Oct. 19 Possible sexual assault involving a Lowell College freshman. Reported. Investigation determined no assault occurred.

Hanszen College
Oct. 21 Disoriented individual reported. Student referred to Student Judicial Programs for public intoxication and minor under the influence.

Will Rice College
Oct. 21 Underage student found near Sid Richardson College. Student referred to Student Judicial Programs for minor in consumption and public intoxication.

Baker College
Oct. 23 Suspicious male reported sleeping in commons. Subject arrested for criminal trespass and remanded to Harris County Jail.

Other Buildings

Health Services
Oct. 13 Suspicious person reported carrying a stick. Subject recognized from previous arrest. Arrested for criminal trespass and remanded to Harris County Jail.

Parking Lots

Greenebar Lot
Oct. 14 Stolen vehicle recovered.

Lowell Lot
Oct. 19 City emergency vehicle struck fixed object.

Other Areas

University Shuttleboard
Oct. 13 Unknown male called with bomb threat. Call discovered to be prank.

Entrance 23
Oct. 16 Parking officer reported subject taking to himself and having difficulty walking. Officers unable to confirm subject had valid ID. Issued criminal trespass warning and advised subject not to return.

Entrance 23
Oct. 18 Two Sid Richardson College students involved in major car crash. Both students transported to Memorial Hermann Hospital emergency room in critical condition.

Off Campus
Oct. 20 Credit cards from lost wallet used without consent.

To be reaccredited last year, Rice had to show it was improving its educational offerings in a measurable way. That led administrators to create the Center for Civic Engagement — which aims to get students involved in the community through undergraduate research. Now, the CCE has a staff and an office and is ready for operation.

Dean of Undergraduates Robin Forman named Political Science Professor Bob Stein the director of the CCE and Stephanie Post (PhD '02) the executive director. Stein ended an 11-year stint as dean of social sciences in August, and Post was previously a political science lecturer at Rice.

The center will connect students with courses, faculty and community members that foster community involvement opportunities and provide hands to students who wish to pursue civic research.

Located on the second floor of the Student Center in the former Career Services office, the CCE was developed as part of the Quality Enhancement Plan, part of Rice's reaccreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, which began in the fall of 2008.

Dean of Undergraduates Robin Forman said the center brings together all of the university's programs that promote student interaction with the community. The CCE also coordinates Leadership Rice, the Community Engagement Center and the Passport to Houston.

"The center will oversee, support and coordinate all of the ways in which our students engage with the city of Houston — through volunteerism and community outreach, internships and community-based learning and research projects," he said.

Stein said the center specifies courses at Rice taught by faculty who have strongly encouraged community involvement and will help develop more of these courses over time.

For example, students in Political Science professor John Allford's POLI 315: Elections and Voting Behavior will conduct exit polls in Jefferson County to compare paper and electronic voting methods. They will present their findings and evaluations to Harris County officials at the end of the course.

Five Spring 2007 classes have been designated by the CCE as civic research courses. BIOE 432: Biointerface Engineering \& Design II, BIOS 348: Independent Study for Undergraduates, ELEC 436: Deployment and Measurement of Wireless, SOCI 308: Houston Sociology of a City and POLI 315: Policy Analysis.

Post said the class list for the spring semester is still being worked on, and more classes may be added.

Stein said he encourages students to extend their academic experiences by undertaking summer research with Rice professors.

"Our hope is that at least a few of the students in these classes will want to continue summer work with the faculty," Stein said.

He said the CCE will subsidize current civic research courses this year and will develop them and designate additional ones the following year. The center will also focus on fundraising.

Forman said that Stein has a strong interest in civic engagement and has actively pursued ways for his students to interact with the Houston community.

"Over the years, Stein has found all sorts of exciting ways to get students involved in the study of community issues, ranging from an analysis of Houston's Safe-teen system — how disabled vehicles are removed from the highway — to an investigation of the city's relationship with the film industry," Forman said.

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Baker College, and no criminal charges have been filed.

Marshall said the number of possible sexual assaults reported has increased recently, but the number of claims does not necessarily indicate an increase in sexual assaults. Some reports to RUPD were unfounded, and some actual assaults may be reported to college masters or the Wellness Center and not RUPD, Marshall said. Some sexual assaults, she said, may also go unreported altogether. Marshall said there are usually two or three reports of sexual assault each year. Three cases of sexual assault and two cases of sexual harassment have been reported this semester.

"There is a lot of speculation about why [there are more reported assaults this year], but we're hoping in response that we did a better job at orientation at O-Week," Marshall said. "RUPD spent some time focusing on student behavior, and we hope we did a better job and consequently generated a better dialogue between us and the students."

Marshall said RUPD officers have attended recent safety meetings about sexual violence and are willing to work with any campus group concerned about public safety.

Workin' at the carwash

Baker College junior Ana Kothari washes a car Oct. 20. Kothari and other members of the Chinese Student Association put on the carwash to raise money for the Lunar New Year Culture Show.

**STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

The Student Association met Monday. The following were discussed:

- SA President Althea Tupper announced Dean of Undergraduates Robin Forman is forming the First-Year Experience Committee. The committee will make recommendations on how to best welcome new students and help them transition to college. Students who are interested in joining the committee should contact Tupper at sapres@rice.edu.
- Tupper, a Hammen College senior, said seniors who are interested in joining the Senior Committee should contact her. The committee, which is chaired by Baker College senior Liz Kim, plans events such as Pub Crawl and Senior Gala.
- Tupper announced she and Brown College president Sara Hampton are coordinating the Ubuntu Rice Retreat and will host an information session about it Monday at 9 p.m. The retreat will be in January and is for freshmen and sophomores.
- SA Internal Vice President Laura Kelley said Students Organized Against Rape will provide golf cart transportation during Night of Decadence for students returning to their colleges. Students who are interested in volunteering to work a 30-minute shift as a cart driver should contact Jones College senior Benjamin Shields (bbaker@rice.edu) or Jones College junior Kristina McDonald (kmcdon@rice.edu). Drivers will receive free admission to NOD.
- Paul Tucker, the Student Life Committee chair, said the committee will meet Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in Miner Lounge in the Student Center.
- SA External Vice President Ceci Mesta announced a contest to design the SA's homecoming T-shirt. The winner will receive $50 and a free T-shirt. Designs should be submitted to anacecim@rice.edu and a free T-shirt. Designs should be submitted to anacecim@rice.edu by Nov. 3 at 3 p.m. Submissions may specify a T-shirt color and two additional colors.
- Tupper asked for discussion on whether the clubs approval process should change. She said many clubs sought approval at the beginning of the academic year, and some students have requested a more in-depth approval process.
- Martel College President Manny Gardberg suggested club information forms be sent to senate members prior to the meeting, but Tupper said the forms are currently handwritten.
- Tucker, a Brown College sophomore, suggested that students be able to fill out forms online, and Tupper said she would talk to Assistant Director of Student Activities Holly Williams about the idea.
- Kelley, a Brown College junior, said the SA Executive Committee had discussed forming a smaller sub-committee that could meet once per month to vote on clubs approval. The sub-committee would bring their approvals to the full senate.

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From page 1

"I think we need to research more programs for departments reluctant to accept study abroad credit, such as engineering."

'I'm a true believer that this is an opportunity students shouldn't pass by.'

— Barbara Harrison
Director of International Programs

Harrison said students who study abroad have an advantage when searching for a job.

"If you spend a semester or year in another country and a job you're applying for is outside the Houston area, then you're more likely to adjust," Harrison said. "Say this is a job in Seattle — if you've lived in France for a year or Egypt or New Zealand or something, you can most certainly say 'Well, if I can do that, I'm prepared and can deal with the issues surrounding my move to Seattle.'"

Dean of Undergraduates Robin Forman said he thinks Harrison will do well in the position.

"She has extensive experience with and knowledge about the day-to-day operations of the office," Forman said in an e-mail. "She arrives with a vision for the future possibilities for the office that is consistent with, and supportive of, our campus-wide aspirations."

Harrison said she encourages as many students as possible to study abroad.

"I'm a true believer that this is an opportunity students shouldn't pass by," she said. "There's no other time in your life that someone is going to say, 'Hey, I know you've been working in this company for 10 years, would you like to take a year and work overseas?' That's never going to happen again."

Know your rights

The Rice NAACP hosted a Voting Rights Forum Tuesday in McMurtry Auditorium in Duncan Hall. The panelists were, from left, Vice Chairman for Blackdeems Alysia Minor, voting rights activist Poker Anderson, Houston County Clerk nominee James Pierre and Computer Science professor Dan Wallach.
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by Julia Barsten

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Claude Chabrol has been writing screenplays since 1956 and directing them since 1958. One might expect that after half a century in the film business, he would know a thing or two about developing sympathetic characters. Especially when the characters come straight from the pages of a best-selling British crime novel by an author not especially known for personality complexity. One would be sorely disappointed.

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If the plot Chabrol wants to make is that love knows no rationality, then the plot in question would be a fine, if slightly twisted, way to convey that message. But side plots among the Tardieu family members and a soundtrack of string-heavy, tension-building instrumental tend to detract from any purely romantic aspirations the story of Philippe and Senta may have. The result is confusing in any language, but the subtitles do little to help English-speaking viewers get a sense of Chabrol's true meaning.

There are multiple mis-translations that affect the tone of the characters' conversations significantly, and the most disappointing part is that the English simply portrays The Bridesmaid's characters as more coherent — and less believable. And while it would be nice to suppose Chabrol had some existential revelation hidden in his characters' erratic speech and actions, it seems more likely that the inconsistencies that were lost in translation should stay there.

When the characters are not speaking, the soundtrack is inevitably cringeworthy. The original, all-instrumental score was composed by Chabrol's son Matthieu, whose music sounds like a poor man's Franz Waxman at best. The atmosphere it creates is sinister and oppressive, and it often distracts from what semblance of a plot is unfolding on the screen.

The Bridesmaid is not without its redeeming factors, although they are few and far between. Smet plays a captivating psychopath in the film's best-developed personality, and she is hauntingly beautiful as she does it. It is not hard to see why Philippe falls so hard for Senta, because it is nearly impossible not to want to fulfill her every command — but why Senta loves herself to Philippe remains a mystery even as the final credits roll.

The Bridesmaid wants to be brilliant and insightful, but the story on which it bases itself is a pulp-fiction chic flick. And finding meaning where there is none done by plenty of Frenchmen long before Claude Chabrol. Viewers may prefer to skip the movie and spend their ticket money on a new copy of No Exit.
Hey, Isabel... like my Halloween costume? I’m being a piece of modernist architecture of the 1930s...

Dobbs calls for the use of hydrogen and biodiesel as alternative energy sources.

Dobbs and his team never expect to win, so when a computer glitch declares Dobbs the winner, he is as surprised as everyone else.

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The rest of the actors provide surprisingly engrossing performances despite their relative inexperience. Julia Garro and Martin Compston in particular draw attention for their portrayal of, respectively, the smart-mouthed Diane Honeyman and Mike O'Shea, a Scottish exchange student who becomes Dito's best friend. Shia LaBeouf drops his usual comedic persona with great success, playing the young Dito as a bored and desperate teenager. Every scene is believable and every confrontation is filled with credible emotion.

A Guide to Recognizing Your Saint's more experienced actors are relegated to less fulfilling roles — the film's story does not really include them. The older Dito pops ineffectually in and out of his position as narrator to sigh at his past and argue with his ailing father, and the older Laurie (Rent's Rosario Dawson) only appears during the last quarter to explain how Dito's departure impacted the people he left behind. However, the scenes featuring Dito's mother Mori (I Am Sam's Dianne West) and Dito's father Monty (Bronx Tale's Chazz Palminteri) carry some weight. When Flori confronts the older Dito about his ailing father she delivers her lines so effortlessly it is hard to believe that she read them from a script. Palminteri gives his best performance of the past few years as a man who desperately wants to be both his son's best friend and protector.

The main problem with the film lies in the production. Montiel — a first-time director—chooses to show the younger Dito through the eyes of the elder, a technique that yields both negative and positive results. The negative includes conflicting storylines. Although the film begins and ends with Dito going to New York to visit his dying father, the bulk of the plot frustratingly focuses on the reasons for his departure. However, by portraying Dito's past as a function of his memory, Montiel preserves the daydream-like quality of the summer in which the film takes place. Twenty-year-old pop music softens the film's most violent scenes and youthful romances act as a visual deus ex machina. A Guide to Recognizing your Saint's is a hard film to watch. Montiel gives his audience the characters he remembers — a house, but one violent enough to cause him to turn his back on everyone he knew. The film's compelling visuals will remain with the moviegoer long after leaving the theater.

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Jones (6-0) made the lone offensive threat of the first half, advancing to within an inch of the goal line early in the second quarter. In those two meetings, Sid won in part because it was able to stop potential game-changing drives late in the fourth quarter. Disch said she thought the defense would stop Jones after Sid notched its six-game unbeaten streak. "We had them right there, but things happened in flag football. There were missed flags, but definitely wasn't the defense's fault. The defense went out there and, they knew the game wasn't over. They played hard," Disch said.

Sid held Jones to a 6-0 lead. At the end of the first quarter, and without a point. However, junior halfback Ashley Thompson — left end penalty on the next play for a 39-yard touchdown run, giving Jones a 7-0 lead. Jones a 6-0 lead.

Sid's 34-game win streak ends with 12-7 loss to Jones. Jones ended Sid Richardson's 34-game win streak with a 12-7 victory on Saturday, Oct. 6. Jones had won two of the previous three Powderpuff titles.

Sid vs. Hanszen

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FOOTBALL

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game won. Smith's 62-yard touchdown run gave the Owls a 20-14 lead, and after the defense forced a three-and-out, Dillard caught a 20-yard touchdown pass from sophomore quarterback Chase Clement to extend the lead to 27-16 at the end of the third quarter.

Rice never looked back after Dillard's touchdown. Golden Knight receiver Mike Walker caught a 30-yard touchdown pass midway through the fourth quarter to cut the lead to 27-22, but Smith scored two touchdowns runs from 19 and 4 yards to seal the victory.

"The win over UCF was sweet redemption for the Owls. Last season, they lost to the Golden Knights 31-28 in their first home game of the year, blowing a 21-3 halftime lead. Sophomore guard

David Berken said that game made Saturday's win special.

"(The victory) also means a lot after last year," Berken said. "We lost a close one to UCF. They were the defending champions to the east and going into their house and getting a win was big for us."

The Owls have a bye this week and will prepare for the two most difficult games remaining on the schedule, both conference road contests. The Owls first take on the University of Texas-El Paso in El Paso Nov. 4. The Owls and Miners have played each other four meetings have been decided by seven points or less. "From my past experiences and watching Rice, Rice and UTEP is always a good game," Raines said. "The thing we have to do is to beat the Miners' is not commit any penalities, not beat ourselves."

The week after the UTEP game, the Owls will face defending C-USA champion Tulsa University. That game will be a homecoming of sorts for Graham, who served for three years as the Tulsa's defensive coordinator before coming to Rice.

To continue to win, Rice must also continue to create turnovers and take care of the football. The Owls are 10th in the nation in turnover margin, something the teams needs to maintain if it hopes to become bowl-eligible. Conference USA has five automatic bowl bids, so a 66 record would likely mean a berth in a December bowl game.

To finish the regular season with a .500 record, the Owls must beat either UTEP or Tulsa, which currently sits alone atop the C-USA West Division, in one of their next two games. King thinks the team can build upon the victory throughout the remainder of the season.

"We need to use this momentum to carry us through our next four games," he said.

A CLOSER LOOK

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Soccer

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Marki Hageman scored on a 10-yard minute goal with 0:40 left in the 90th minute. Due to injuries, the team only had 13 players to play the 90 positions on the field, minus the goalkeeper.

“They had only 13 players, and when you have just 13 players playing in 90 minutes, that’s a lot of work,” Houston said.

Following the loss to Memphis, Rice traveled to Tampa, Fla., where they struggled from the outset. The Owls' first goal came in the 44th minute, including just four minutes into the match. The Owls were further hampered when junior defender Lindsey Jagers received a yellow card for tackling a UAB player from behind on a breakaway.

The Owls converted the corresponding penalty to make the score 2-0, and Rice played a man down for the remaining 66 minutes of the match. In the 86th minute, Rice was whistled for a foul and a penalty kick.

This weekend, the Owls travel to Austin, Texas, where they will compete in the Texas Invitational. Rice's last local tournament was the fall season. In two weeks, the team will travel to Columbus, Ohio for the ITA National Indoor Championships before breaking until the spring semester.

In Fort Worth, Harkett and Paroo overpowered their first three opponents — their closest margin of victory was 8-4 over the University of Texas’ Evan Bridges and Joshua Kwon. The Owls in Round 18. They could not continue their drive, however, and dropped a close 6-6 match to Baylor University's 8th-seeded David Galic and Matt Brown in the semifinals.

Junior Mason Met and sophomore Christpher Mallor participated in doubles, upsetting Southeast Missouri State University's seventh-seeded Federico Mur- ger and Alex Skripko before losing in the quarterfinals.

Senior Jason Mok and sophomore Ivo Mihaylova lost in straight sets to the University of Louisiana Lafayette’s Pilot Blanes before making his run through the consolation bracket; his highest victory was a reverse-set win over 18th-seeded Matt Rain of Texas A&M University.

Mallo advanced in the regular singles bracket, falling to fourth-ranked and first-seeded Lars Perschke of Baylor University in the Round of 16.

Golf 6th at Mason Rudolph Invitational

Behind a fifth-place finish from sophomore kaz Hoffman, the golf team finished 6th of 14 teams at the Mason Rudolph Intercollegiate, held Oct. 25-26 in Franklin, Tenn. Rice's results showed a decided improvement over last year's finish, when the Owls placed 11th and Hoffman was the highest finisher at 208th place.

This year, the Owls had three players in the top 20 — Hoffman, freshman Christopher Brown at 16th and sophomore Kyle Kelley at 200th — marking the best finish for the team so far this season.

For the first two days of competition, Rice remained steady at fourth place and after day two the squad was only four strokes out of third place and eight strokes behind leading University of Miss- issippi. However, a final round of 298 ultimately doomed the Owls, as they were leapfrogged by Memphis University and the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga to drop two spots. Mississippi remained in first place with a total score of 876, and Vanderbilt University and North Florida University tied for second with 844 apiece. Rice finished 24 strokes off the lead with an 890.

Rice has two more tournaments left on its fall schedule — the Pac-12 Invitational in Stockton, Calif., which will be held Nov. 4-6, and the Aloha Invitational in Honolulu, Hawaii, scheduled for Nov. 22-23.

Men’s tennis at Texas this weekend

The men’s tennis team had a strong showing last weekend at the ITA South Central Regional Championship in Fort Worth, Tex. The team was led by senior Ben Harkett and freshman Phil Paroo, who advanced to the doubles semifinals, and junior Filipe Zivojinovic, who won the singles consolation bracket.

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Volleyball

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led the team with 14 kills against Marshall. Ultimately, however, the Owls still struggled sufficiently, averaging an absurd 1.91 batting percentage against East Carolina and a better but still ineffective .223 percentage against East Carolina averaging an abysmal .141 hitting percentage against the Thundering Herd.

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The Owls were further hampered against the Thundering Herd.

An encouraging development following the losses, Volpe said she would like to alter their match strategy.

“(...) With just a few points — we just need to get a little bit more on the offensive side.”

There isn’t anything dramatic that really has to change with us,” she said. “It’s just little things — taking care of the ball at the right times, being a little more aggressive at crunch time. We’re getting better; we just need to take care of the ball when it counts.”

Women’s tennis team compete at regionals

The women’s tennis team advanced four players to the Round of 32 last weekend and one to the Round of 16 at the Southwest Regional Championships in Fort Worth, Tex.

Junior Christine Duo, freshman Rebecca Lin, freshman Julde Cheikh and junior Tiffany Lee all won their first round matches in straight sets, but only Duo made it any further in the main draw, losing to Baylor University’s 16th- ranked Zanana Cernia 6-4, 6-4 in the Round of 16.

In the Round of 32, Lin defeated a three-set match to Petra Dzialo of the University of Texas 6-7, 6-1, 6-3, while Iva Mihaylova of Baylor beat Chao 6-1, 4-6. Lee fell to the 14th-ranked Natalia Ruben of Southern Methodist University in straight sets.

In the consolation bracket, Lin, Chao, and Lee all made the quarterfinal round. Although Lin and Lee lost, Chao won by default, advancing to the semifinals. She lost in a close third-set tiebreaker to Nickie McConnect of Texas A&M, 7-5, 4-6, 15-13.

Rice also advanced three doubles teams to the Round of 32, including Chao and Lee, who made it to the Round of 16. However, the first-to-eight set went to a tiebreaker, and there the Owls lost to Anna Blagodarova and Marina Drass of Texas A&M University.

The Owls have this week off, but return to action Nov. 3 at the Harvard Invitational in Boston. It will be the team’s last tournament of the fall. Rice will have two months off before the season resumes with a dual match against Baylor University Jan. 20.

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Sports Notebook

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FRIDAY 27

Beautification
This afternoon at 3 p.m., join other student organizations, Engineering and Planning and Rice community members in planting wilflowers around campus. If you want to take part in the fun — or just steal some sunflower seeds (they’re just so tasty) — meet at the lawn between Wrenn College and the intramural fields.

It’s like roller hockey, but on ice
Tonight is “Rice Night at the Aeros,” an event for Rice students to head out and watch Houston’s own professional hockey team. The game is at 7:30 p.m. in the Toyota Center, and will sound cool anyway. The Rice Philharmonics are having their annual book drive at Star Motor Cars, located at 7000 Katy Rd, today from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Bring your books, as long as they aren’t textbooks, or encyclopedias, or anything else too technical. The Friends of Fondren will sell them in their 2007 book sale, and proceeds benefit the library. For more information, email fond@rice.edu.

Muzak
Actually, real music is what you will hear if you stop by the Friends of the Athens Library. The Holly Leach Band, directed by Chuck Throckmorton, who also directs the MMB, is playing a free concert today. The concert is aptly called a “Fall Concert,” and I’m sure you’d make an awesome player’s day if you’ll just come watch them play. Today. You may? Hooray.

Plankton costumes rock
NOD is here again, but this time, it’s not dolphin safe. NOcals Adventure: A Nutate to Seamount is tonight from 9 p.m. – 2 a.m. in the Aeiss Aquarium — I mean Commons. Last I checked, there are never nautical or pirate themed parties on Rice campus, so everyone’s costume idea is guaranteed to be original and never before done. Nobody has ever caught on to the idea of the play on words between seamount and seamen either, so it’s a safe bet like, the funniest costume ever. Tickets have been on sale all week, as have T-shirts, but tickets are available at the door to Rice students only for $8, so swing by over.

TUESDAY 31

Get out now
Unless you are a first year student, today is the last day you can drop a class. Today is also the last day you can designate a course pass/fail, regardless of your new student status. In case you read that and started wondering, 12 hours is the minimum number for a full-time student at Rice, and yes, it’s okay with me if you drop Orgo.

After NOD, you might need to save face
The overcompensatory Sid Richardson College has its pub tonight, as Sid will move from above all of campus to below it for a Halloween pub night. Really, trick-or-treat with pub mix and beer is probably better than regular trick-or-treating anyway. Coming of their recent powerplant struggles, Sid may be found drinking away the pain of a losing streak. Regardless, Sidwellers will be found in droves in Willy’s Pub from 10 p.m. – 2 a.m., and want you to join them.

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December 17
TOP NOD COSTUME CHOICE

KY Jelly Fish:
Item 1: Enough KY Jelly to cover entire body
Item 2: Taser
Cover body in KY Jelly. If confronted over your lack of clothing, attack with the taser, aka, your stinging tentacle. Don’t forget to shout “That’s what you get for messing with a Cnidarian, bitch!”

Runners up: Electric eel, sea anemone, sea cucumber, sperm whale, giant clam, crabs!, cock lobster, sucker fish, blow fish, tad pole, sea monkey, spongebob nopants, barnacle, oral reef. Thanks Katherine and Heaven.

Top secret NOD hook-up map

Now, think twice before you do anything — you’re drunk at NOD. But since you are at NOD you’ll probably want to hook up, so you’re gonna need a hook-up spot. Your room is too far, and you’ll need some privacy in a super secret hiding spot. So use our easy map to find a great location.

NEED EXTRA MONEY? Over worked medical fellow at the TMC with no free time willing to pay respectable individual for the following tasks: light household duties (cooking, vacuum, laundry, dishwash, shopping (clothes, groceries), errands, etc). Respond by writing one paragraph detailing your qualifications and email it to hajreynol@bcm.tmc.edu.

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