**Bowling in the Big Easy**

Exuberant players and fans storm the field at Rice Stadium after the varsity football team's 31-27 victory over Southern Methodist University Nov. 25. The win earned Rice an invitation to play at the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl Dec. 22.

**Esperanza attendance increases by 200**

Rice Program Council's attempt to revitalize Esperanza with an enticing venue and reduced ticket prices has paid off. About 200 people attended the Nov. 18 dance, an increase of about 200 people over last year. The dance was held in the night after the homecoming football game in the Downtown Aquarium's Nauticles Ballroom with a "Cruise Down" theme.

**Tell professors what you really think**

Online course evaluations will be available and due by Friday, Dec. 8. The Ponce de Leon candy cane takes the college competition with monetary prizes to be awarded to students with high response rates. Standings in the competition will be posted on the Registrar's Web site and updated regularly during the competition.

**Celebrate Posada**

Get the cold snap and HACER's Posada show set for the winter spirit. Head over to the Grand Ballroom Saturday at 7 p.m. or join in the procession by the colleges starting at 6 p.m.
Rice students have had high hopes for the Registrar's Office ever since it was first announced. This spring, however, the Registrar's Office and the University are dealing with a procedure that has led to campus-wide controversy and confusion.

As part of the Registrar's Office's new system, students are required to complete course evaluations in which they are asked to rate the course, the instructor and the Registrar's Office itself. The evaluations are then used to determine grades for the course, and the results are made available to the students at the end of the semester.

The new system has been met with mixed reactions from students. Some have praised the system for its ease of use and the fact that it allows students to rate the course and instructor anonymously. Others have complained that the system is too time-consuming and that the results are not accurate.

The Registrar's Office has defended the system, saying that it is designed to improve the quality of instruction and to provide a more accurate reflection of student opinion. However, some students have expressed concern that the system is biased and that the results may not be representative of the student body.

The Registrar's Office has also faced criticism for not providing adequate training or support for instructors and staff members. Some faculty members have reported feeling overwhelmed by the new system and have expressed concern that they do not have the resources or expertise to effectively use it.

Meanwhile, some students have expressed concern that the new system is not transparent and that the results are not easily accessible. Others have complained that the system is not user-friendly and that it is difficult to navigate.

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Overall, the Registrar's Office has faced significant challenges in implementing its new system, and it remains to be seen how successful the system will be in the long term.
Guest column

Rice culture is crucial to our community in Houston and Texas, and Rice needs to attract students and professors who will represent the community.

One might also look at the student body to make other judgments. Twelve percent of the Rice student body is Hispanic. However, for a city as diverse as Houston, there is a serious decline in the Hispanic population. Even beyond the growing Hispanic population, the lack of support for Hispanic culture is shown.

Hispanic Studies is the most popular major in the School of Humanities. Despite this demand, the department has gone from 20 student body racial make-up for some of us. AIDS has had a dehumanizing effect.

While 63 percent of those infected are males in Africa, the epidemic is spreading into Rice's backyard at an alarming rate — 24,000 Houstonians are HIV-positive, and rates of infection are not declining. Being inside the showers and the bathroom is where most of us, many at Rice never consider that this disease can affect them. But in today's world it is increasingly uncommon not to be somehow impacted by AIDS.

This general lack of knowledge about HIV is true for the student body, and even many of those who are at higher risk for HIV infection do not even know the basic facts. According to the Centers for Disease Control, approximately 25 percent of those who are infected do not even know they are positive. For this epidemic to stop, we need a public education campaign targeted to all people.

As a society, we need to face the reality that we are not being as effective as we could be in fighting this disease. In the United States, 250,000 people are infected, and only 10,000 are receiving treatment. In addition to being educationally isolated, our research and treatment of AIDS is not done in a way that we are able to deal with the disease effectively. This is an issue that we need to address as a society.

There are a number of reasons for the decline in the Hispanic community. First, there is a lack of Hispanic representation in the student body. This is not only a problem for Hispanic students, but it also affects the broader community. The Hispanic population is increasing and it is important that we support it. This is not only a moral issue, but it is also a matter of preparing ourselves for the future.

The Rice community needs to take this issue seriously. We need to support Hispanic students and the Hispanic culture as a whole. This is not only a matter of fairness, but it is also a matter of being prepared for the future.
Gaming, gaming and more gaming

Fondren Library staff member Sid Byrd joined in on the fun in the 12-hour-long Second Annual National Game Day Event on Saturday, Nov. 18 hosted by Rice's gaming club, FAST WARP.

WILLIAMS

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Floyd also declined to say if Williams had helped authorities or if he had led them to Mirza. Floyd said he thought Williams pled guilty because he decided he had gone too far and wanted to ensure no one got hurt.

"My belief is that Kobie had a change of heart during this affair," Floyd said. "I think! Through introspection he decided that what he was doing was an improper way of expressing his beliefs and decided for the safety of Americans he should come forward and tell the authorities what he knew."

Director of News and Media Relations BJ Almond said Williams resigned from Rice last week for personal reasons.

Faculty, staff and some students who worked with Williams declined to comment, but other students expressed their shock of the indictment. They described Williams as friendly and always helpful.

"He was all very nice, quiet, mild mannered guy who was fun to talk to and was very good natured and friendly," Civil and Environmental Engineering graduate student Ross Gordon said.

Gordon, who interacted with Williams through several labs and projects, said Williams was a good person who was always willing to help with projects. Gordon said as a department technician, Williams helped CVE professors run their labs, he was also responsible for helping professors with computing and mechanical needs for research projects. Gordon said Williams had been at Rice since Gordon began attending Rice four and a half years ago.

An undergraduate student, who requested to remain anonymous, said he reacted with disbelief when he heard about Williams’ arrest and is reluctant to draw any conclusions.

"I'm giving the benefit of doubt to a friend and trusted teacher," he said. "He can't hurt a fly. He's really nice guy, and I still believe that. Obviously, I haven't seen any testimony — I can't stand to be corrected, but it's not likely."

The student said he interacted often with Williams, who would help students on projects of his own time. The student said that he knows Williams is a Muslim from several conversations but that he never discussed his political views. The student said he hopes the indictment reflects a bargain with investigators rather than a true confession.

Floyd said he believes Williams has shown significant remorse and a transformation in his beliefs and that he should not have to spend any time in prison.

"Kobie's a good guy," Floyd said. "Everyone makes mistakes and gets carried away. He's someone who truly deserves a second chance — at this point in his life, he is absolutely no threat to anyone. He's truly a good guy always willing to lend a helping hand."

Floyd said he has become acquainted with the American Muslim community through volunteer work for the American Civil Liberties Union, in which he helped Muslims solicited for interrogation by the FBI.

"There is a certain segment of the Muslim population, especially among younger men, who are very upset about affairs in the Middle East and the current administration's handling of those affairs," Floyd said. "They truly believe those Muslim countries invaded by outsiders is not justified under Islamic law but is obligatory. I can't tell you whether Kobie realized that level, but I know from research these issues that it's not widespread or commonly held belief among Muslims in this country, but does exist among a certain small segment of the youth."

—Ross Gordon contributed to this article.

ESPERANZA

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Will Rice freshman Ryan Thaner, 19, said he was impressed by the event and enjoyed the evening.

"The whole presentation of the dance was really professional and inviting," he said. "Everybody seemed to have a good time and said they can't wait to go next year."

Esperanza was a significant money maker and student attraction for Rice, as recently as three years ago.

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by Natalie Kom

Even during his sabbatical year spent at Duke University, former President Malcolm Gillis was Rice's top salary earner — making more than David Leebron did in his first year as president — according to a salary packaging package of $391,614 for the fiscalyear 2004-05. Leebron was inaugurated in July 2004, made $712,677 that year, according to a survey by the Chronicle of Higher Education.

Published last Friday, the annual salary report lists top-paid executives at 609 private colleges and 183 public colleges — 125 more institutions than last year's report. The most recent figures from private institutions are compiled for fiscal year 2004-05 and are based on public information released by the IRS. Figures from public institutions are from 2004-05.

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Hungry for a night
Brown college sophomore Bonny Chang, Lovett College junior Kathleen Hanson and Sid Richardson College sophomore Laura Shepard eat out of a bin of rice at the Hunger Banquet Nov. 18. The banquet, organized by the Rice Student Volunteer Program, exposed students to simulated living conditions of people who live below the poverty line.

Baker Institute 2007 Summer in DC Intern Program
The James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy is seeking applicants for its 2007 Jesse Jones Leadership Center Summer in Washington DC. Policy Research Internship Program. The program will provide stipends sufficient to support a select group of Rice undergraduates conducting policy-making research at government agencies, private think tanks, and NGOs in DC in summer 2007. Those accepted must be currently enrolled as full-time undergraduates through fall 2007. Those selected will attend a seminar on public policy and global affairs coterminous with their internships in DC; write a research report for publication and presentation; before Rice faculty and researchers at the beginning of fall semester 2007; and also organize a public policy education activity for academic year 2007/2008. Applicants are individually responsible for selecting and establishing internships and residency in DC. Interested students should send the following materials by January 29 to Dr. Steven Lewis, Washington Internship Committee, Baker Institute, MS-40:

- A letter of application with your campus and home addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses;
- A short essay of no more than 600 words describing your career goals, your internship plans (including the organizations to which you have applied or intend to apply), and how these tie in with the mission and policy research programs of the Baker Institute;
- A resume;
- An official, sealed transcript;
- One letter of recommendation, preferably from a Rice faculty member or researcher, who can discuss your ability to conduct policy research.

Questions should be addressed to swl Lewis@rice.edu.

Medical examiner releases Lloyd’s cause of death
by Bela Bader

The Harris County Medical Examiner’s Office determined exertion and possession of sickle-cell trait contributed to the death of Lovett College freshman Dali Lloyd Stumpf. Lloyd, a defensive back on the football team, collapsed at a conditioning workout the day after Rice’s game against Florida State University and died the following morning.

Chief Investigator Beverly Begay said Lloyd died of acute exertional rhabdomyolysis associated with sickle-cell trait.

According to a 1995 article in the Journal of Athletic Training by University of Alabama Team Physician James Robinson, acute exertional rhabdomyolysis is characterized by the release of enzymes into the blood by muscle cells damaged by vigorous exercise. These enzymes break down into products that are harmful to the kidneys and cause imbalances in blood constituents. Severe cases of the condition can result in sudden collapse, and the disturbances in blood chemistry can result in heart problems and cardiac arrest.

The study also found that athletes who possess sickle-cell trait are more susceptible to exertional rhabdomyolysis. Other risk factors include extreme heat and humidity, high altitude, strenuous-induced asthma and fatigue due to illness or sleep deprivation.

Weather was mild the day Lloyd collapsed.

Athletic Director Chris DelConte said the autopsy results provide a sense of closure for the Rice community.

“At least we now have an understanding of what happened,” DelConte said. “The not knowing makes it tougher for kids aged 18 to 20 when you don’t think about your own mortality. Now you can begin the true healing process.”

DelConte said the football team has carried Lloyd’s spirit with them.

“The season has been dedicated to [Dali],” DelConte said. “His passing... galvanized this team. No other way can explain it.”

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Admissions challenges continue post Grutter with civil rights complaint

by Rosa Gordian

The Supreme Court’s 2003 Grutter v. Board of Education decision allows universities to use race in admissions decisions provided they have considered race-neutral policies — led to changes in Rice’s admissions policies, as well as a civil rights complaint.

The Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights is still investigating a 2004 complaint about Rice’s use of race and ethnicity as “plus factors” in admissions decisions. The Center for Equal Opportunity, a conservative Virginia think tank headed by a Rice alumna, filed the complaint, which claims the university’s admissions policies are still insufficiently diverse without using such factors.

In a complaint — which calls for institutions to periodically review their admissions procedures to determine whether sufficient diversity could be obtained through race-neutral means — Rice is starting a periodic re-examination of its admissions policies. However, the review is not in response to the complaint, General Counsel Richard Zansitis said. The review will include representatives from the President’s Office, the Board of Trustees, Undergraduate Office, the Faculty Senate, the Provost’s Office, the General Counsel’s Office and the offices of Admissions and Financial Aid. The review will continue throughout the academic year and will also seek student and alumni input.

“The review will ask, ‘How does diversity factor into Rice’s educational goals?’ Zansitis said. “Does Rice have a critical mass of minority students? Are there additional race-neutral practices that could be utilized?”

The court shift

Following the 1996 5th Circuit Court of Appeals decision in Hopwood v. Texas, the University was required to take affirmative action to ensure consideration in admissions decisions in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas schools. Rice began using race-neutral procedures, but after Gruiter, which overturned Hopwood, Rice and other institutions, including the University of Texas, suspended their race-conscious policies.

Then President Malcolm Gillis was quoted in an Aug. 1, 2003 Houston Chronicle article suggesting Rice would return to considering race and ethnicity in admissions, and the CEO filed a complaint against Rice Aug. 16, 2003. But Rice said it had not formally decided its admissions policy yet, as the Office for Civil Rights investigated the complaint. Gruiter President and General Counsel Roger Clegg (Will Rice 77) said.

The Board of Trustees issued a diversity resolution Oct. 2, 2003, and Rice issued a press release Nov. 24, 2003, saying that after studying the alternatives it would return to considering race and ethnicity in admissions, and the CEO notified to comment specifically on this decision. Rice announced its plans to continue on this path in Fall 2003, announcing that after studying the alternatives it would return to considering race and ethnicity in admissions, and the CEO notified the complaint. Gruiter said.

Rice was notified of the complaint in February 2005 when OCR filed the complaint. The complaint was filed against Rice’s decision to reinstate race in admissions decisions.

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Early Decision applications down

by Amy Liu

Early Decision applications declined 24 percent this year, 567 applications from last year’s record-high 857.

The decline comes as the Office of Admissions seeks to increase applicants so it can cover a larger percentage of need. It has been using the race-neutral guidelines it developed for admissions in cases or different perspectives, you can do that, but it doesn’t have to use race or ethnicity,” Clegg said.

Clegg said an ideal admissions policy would judge students solely on their accomplishments. Associate General Counsel Carlos Garcia said the complaint does not truly center on Rice’s implementation of admissions policies based on Grutter. “We’re confident about how we’re interpreting and applying [Grutter], but it’s a political issue,” he said. Rice is not the only university against which CBO has filed complaints. The organization has filed admissions complaints against North Carolina State University and the College of William and Mary’s law school, as well as schools in Texas.

The CEO said complaints against other institutions alleging discrimination in academic contexts, such as in summer programs, internships and scholarships, have also been filed. In those instances, the Department of Education investigation led to the programs being opened to all races and ethnicities, he said.

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Need an Esperanza date?

Jenks College seniors Kirsten Doyle-Cooney and Aaron Holloman talk during Rice speed dating Nov. 16 in the Martel College Commons. The event was organized by a Leadership Rice group.
President’s study break features western theme

by Matthew McKee

The annual end-of-semester study break for Rice students has been themed with a western flair this year, with a variety of activities planned that are designed to help students relax and recharge.

President David Leebron normally attends end-of-semester study breaks, but he will not go the study break this semester because of another engagement, Beckwith said. However, Deans of Undergraduates Robin Frazier will attend.

Beckwith said he expects about 750 students to attend but cannot compare this number to previous years. “Typically, the fall study break is better attended than the spring one,” Beckwith said.

Beckwith would not specify the total cost of the Cowboy Up Study Break. In the past, end-of-semester study breaks have cost around $50,000.

Wass College sophomore Sam Harris said he believes that the price tag is important. “I think that a lot of students deserve it,” Horn said. “Rice isn’t short on funds, and it doesn’t go unappreciated.”

Baker College senior Gabe Francis has attended end-of-semester study breaks in the past, and he intends to go to the Cowboy Up Study Break. As Beckwith said: “They’re typically very good.”

Francis said: “It’s hard to turn down free food…” The event is pretty packed, and there are usually lines forming for the food.

Preparing for construction

The Collaborative Research Center, a joint project between Rice and the Texas Medical Center, will soon be built on the corner of Main Street and University Boulevard. The research tower has been designed to accommodate Rice students who will be able to use the tower’s second floor class and seminar rooms.

Mr. Philip BBQ

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Job market improves for current senior class as more companies recruit at Rice

This year’s seniors have a better chance of landing a job than those from recent years, and their starting salaries are likely to be higher as well.

Career Services Assistant Director Payton said more companies are recruiting on campus this year due to an expanding job market.

“There are companies that have not recruited here at Rice for a number of years that are returning,” Payton said.

She said about 125 companies are recruiting on campus this year, up from 80 companies last year. Companies have conducted 1,068 interviews on campus this fall.

Career Services Associate Director for Recruitment and Internship Jackson said that companies are learning about Rice along with the job market, which typically explains the increase in recruiting on campus.

This year’s Career Fair held in September, more companies attended than in any year since 2000.

Payton said many job offers come from oil and gas, energy, consulting, technical and nonprofit companies. In addition to hiring science and engineering majors, energy and technical companies are hiring liberal arts graduates in film and fine arts, as well as writing positions.

Hing said it is not unusual for companies in the same industry to compete for students.

Payton said many graduating seniors have been offered salaries that are, on average, $10,000-$30,000 higher than offers last year. 

Hing said it is not unusual for companies to offer students multiple offers, which can be overwhelming for students.

The percentage of students going straight to graduate school has remained consistent whether it is a bad job market or a good one,” Hing said. “The sooner students can get a job, the better.”

In the class of 2006, 51 percent of bachelor’s degree recipients said they would immediately take a job, and 41 percent said they would immediately enter a graduate or professional school.

Brown College senior Tommy Jackson, who plans to apply for entry into the University of Texas Law School next fall, said many students are stressed out about finding jobs.

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Payton said that are currently available are not as plentiful as in previous years.

The sooner students can get introduced to Career Services and all that we have to offer and interact with the staff, the more confident they will be in their senior year of job searching,” Hing said.
MUSIC

Mates of State

If you are free tomorrow night and are in the Generation X crowd, drive over to Numbers night club. Adorable indie-pop couple Mates of State will be performing a full set of melodically-driven jams. New York-based Asobi Seksu opens, and everyone wins. The show is at 8 p.m. and tickets cost $12 at www.superunison.com.

Casino Royale, the 21st film in the Bond franchise, gives the character a much-needed reconstruction by taking on the plot of one Ian Fleming’s, early Bond novels. In the film, Bond has just earned his license to kill and must learn how to use it. Only the role of M, played by the intractable Judi Dench (Goldfinger), remains intact — but really, who else could deliver Dench’s trademark wails? In this film Bond tries to take down a terrorist money chain. He fulfills by storming an embassy and getting caught killing a man on film. After stopping a related bombing attempt at an airport, Bond tracks down the wealthy megalomaniac behind the terrorists, Le Chiffre (King Arthur’s Mads Mikkelsen). Desperate to recover his losses, Le Chiffre brings together some of the world’s wealthiest Au-pairs — including a government-backed Bond — in a poker match with a $5 million buy-in. Without giving away too much, the movie takes some unexpected twists away from the plot, defying the usual kiss-and-go endings of many previous Bond films.

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FILM

El Perro

Tonight and tomorrow at 7 p.m. at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston will screen El Perro (The Dog). The movie, directed by Rosalyn Arbuck, follows the story of a down-on-his-luck local lifeguard Jules Hilbert (Goldeneye’s Mads Mikkelsen). Desperate to recoup his losses, he fumbles by storming an embassy and getting caught killing a man on film. After stopping a related bombing attempt at an airport, Bond tracks down the wealthy megalomaniac behind the terrorists, Le Chiffre (King Arthur’s Mads Mikkelsen). Desperate to recover his losses, Le Chiffre brings together some of the world’s wealthiest Au-pairs — including a government-backed Bond — in a poker match with a $5 million buy-in. Without giving away too much, the movie takes some unexpected twists away from the plot, defying the usual kiss-and-go endings of many previous Bond films.

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OH YEAH, THAT'S THE STUFF... SEE YOU IN A COUPLE OF HOURS...

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TOO DELICIOUS CAN'T STOP

BOND
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these moments enhance the sense of both victory and defeat, savoring the taste of crucial moments.

Character development has never been considered a strength of the Bond movies, but Casino Royale turns that preconception on its head. Some stock characters like Q and Mon- eypenny are conspicuously absent in order to make room for a more well-developed Bond and Bond girl, Pierce Brosnan (Goldeneye), the previous incarnation of Bond, took the suave, witty agent persona over the top. Craig portrays a more burly and struggling Bond. This007 has trouble with quips, actually damages his formal outfits— and forms a real romance with Bond girl Vesper Lynd (The Dreamer's Eva Green). Lynd is not treated as a disposable toy, and Craig's character is made more human by his love for Lynd. Their relationship becomes a central focus of the movie.

Obviously, Casino Royale self-consciously stakes new ground. The trademark Bond gadgets are limited to cell phones and laptops. There are no watch-hidden lasers or missile-hiding headlights. After an upsetting hand of cards, Bond even lets a character he does not care if his martini is shaken or stirred.

This film's secret agent business is as much a discovery for Craig as it is for the audience. Old lines — "The name's Bond, James Bond" — feel fresh and revitalized. Casino Royale trims the fat off of the franchise, leaving the audience with a leaner, more interesting and more entertaining Bond.

Darko) performs adequately as Ferrell's adorable, quirky girlfriend, and Queen Latifah (Chicago) plays an encouraging but smug writer's assistant. The interesting screenplay enables Ferrell to take a shot at a serious acting role. The only incon- gruity is the romantic storyline — Ferrell and Gyllenhaal make an unconvincing couple. Ferrell, an awkward IRS agent, seems out of place with Gyllenhaal, a carefree, tattoo-bearing baker.

The soundtrack lends yet another favor to the film. The steady rhythms of an acoustic guitar parallel the pace of Har- dko's life and ironically belie his impending death.

Stranger Than Fiction won't win Best Picture, and it won't become a cult classic. But the movie will deliver what moviegoers crave the most — entertainment.
 Chemical Oxidation: A Comprehensive Guide

By J. Smith, Ph.D.

The oxidation process is a fundamental aspect of chemistry, playing a crucial role in numerous industrial applications, environmental processes, and fundamental scientific research. This guide provides a comprehensive overview of chemical oxidation, covering key concepts, mechanisms, and practical applications.

1. Introduction
   - Definition of chemical oxidation
   - Importance in various fields

2. Oxidation Mechanisms
   - Redox reactions
   - Oxygen absorption
   - Electron transfer

3. Types of Oxidation
   - Homogeneous vs. heterogeneous
   - Oxygenic vs. anoxygenic

4. Applications
   - Environmental remediation
   - Energy production
   - Material synthesis

5. Challenges and Future Prospects
   - Overcoming limitations
   - Emerging technologies

This guide is a valuable resource for chemists, environmental scientists, and engineers, offering insights into the latest research and practical strategies for utilizing chemical oxidation effectively.

Thresher Sports

Almond scores 42 in Owls’ loss at Utah

Rice looks to end losing streak tomorrow against Texas Permian-Basin

By Chris Pitsch

The out-of-conference schedule continues tonight as the men’s basketball team tries to overcome a tough season by hosting the latest opponent on the road.

The Owls face No. 10 Texas A&M tonight as part of the University’s annual Western Carolina University tournament. The Owls are currently 6-2 on the season, while the No. 10 Texas A&M is 8-1 on the season.

The Owls will be facing a tough opponent, having lost their last game against Ole Miss by a score of 81-76. However, the Owls have managed to put together a solid performance against Rice last weekend, winning by a score of 94-77.

The Owls will be looking to continue their winning streak against the Owls tonight, with the goal of improving their overall record.

THIS WEEKEND

Women’s basketball hosts Texas A&M

When: Tonight at 7 p.m.

The Owls are currently 4-2 on the season, having won their last two games against Arkansas at Little Rock 54-46 and the University of North Carolina — Wilmington 79-68. The Owls will be looking to build on their recent success against Texas A&M tonight.

Rice Owls vs. Texas A&M University

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When: Sunday, December 2

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OWLOOK - THE WEEK IN SPORTS

Friday, December 1

• Women’s Basketball vs. Texas A&M University
  7:00 p.m. - Alley Court

Saturday, December 2

• Men’s Basketball vs. University of Texas - Permian Basin
  2:00 p.m. - Alley Court

Sunday, December 3

• Women’s Basketball vs. Marquette University
  2:00 p.m. - Alley Court

Wednesday, December 6

• Men’s Basketball vs. Lamar University
  7:00 p.m. - Alley Court

FROM THE EDITOR’S DESK

Since Rice’s last post-season appearance in the 1963 Bluebonnet Bowl (45 seasons ago), the football team has had just six seasons with winning records and three seasons with seven or more wins prior to this year’s 7-5 performance. The best record during this span was a 4-4 mark in 2001 under former head coach Ken Hatfield.

The football team’s overall record since the 1963 season is 151-327-11, meaning the Owls would need 83 more 7-5 seasons to achieve a .500 winning percentage since the Bluebonnet Bowl appearance.
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Hanszen responded to Sid’s score with yet another sustained drive. The naked booting, a plan in which the quarterback fakes a toss in one direction and runs in the opposite, proved very effective against Sid’s overly aggressive defense. Schaeffler gained 44 yards on the big run, leaving Hanszen to Sid’s 10-yard line.

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The championship game was held at Rice Stadium on Sept. 25.

Sid 13, Hanszen 12

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FOOTBALL

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than usual against the Mustangs. "Today was the one game where I felt whatever the case may be ... just threw the ball up," he said. "It's a plus having football."" Junior Joel Armstrong started at quarterback in place of Clement, finishing with a career-high 305 yards passing. Normally a receiver, Armstrong said he had no problem switching positions.

"They tell me before the season what I was going to be doing, and I'm doing it every week, just trying to help the team, trying to make plays," he said.

Senior running back Quentin Smith had another strong outing, rushing for 279 yards and six touchdowns on 15 carries. Smith moved into sole possession of second place on the Owls all-time rushing yards list, his 6,301 yards passing for 79 yards and a touchdown finishing with a career-high 205 rushing for 79 yards and a touchdown during his collegiate career. Owls all-time rushing yards list, his 1,386 yards rushing for 79 yards and a touchdown

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TEXAS A&M

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from the field. Rice led 52-37 at the half and would lead by as much as 19 points before the Bearcats began to close the gap.

"Though happy with the much-needed win, the Owls still have some glaring weaknesses. The team struggled against the press of the smaller and quicker Bearcats. Also, defensive breakdowns were common throughout the latter part of the second half, and the Owls had 21 fouls.

In order to beat Texas A&M, a team that beat Rice by one point last year in College Station, and Marquette, a team that beat the Owls by 25 last year in Milwaukee, Williams knows the Owls must improve upon their most recent performances.

"Hold them at halftime, we had a big lead, but saw so many things that we can't get away with (against better opponents)," Williams said. "We really just can't do it up. I think our players understand we have to play much better this week."
Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellows Program

The Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellows Program (MMUFP) at Rice University has three goals. First, it seeks to increase the number of minority students, and others with a demonstrated interest in the sciences. In doing so, the program aims to reduce over time the serious under-representation on the faculties of individuals from certain minority groups, as well as to address the attendant educational consequences of these disparities. Second, it seeks to nurture these students to be the leaders of tomorrow of our nation's diverse communities. Lastly, it seeks to foster a better understanding of the social, educational, and cultural consequences of these disparities.

Applicants should normally be completing their sophomore year as a student at Rice University. Selection will be based on a number of attributes including but not limited to academic standing and potential, life experiences and interests, commitment to building bridges in multicultural settings, and interest in pursuing graduate education. Students who participate in the program receive a yearly stipend of $2,000, work closely with a faculty mentor for two years, and are also eligible for participation in summer fellowship programs at the end of their sophomore or junior years. Finalists will be interviewed. Announcements will be made in March.

For more information and to download the application go to:
http://professor.rice.edu/professor/Mellon_Mays_Index.asp

Application deadline is January 22, 2007

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

RICE 64 UTAH 80
Nov. 28, 2006 — Bert Bell City, Jen.

Rice 39 25 64
Utah 30 50 80

Rice (3-4)

Armstrong 21-13-2-205
Passing Yards (net)
409 50-8-2
Rushing Yards (net)
15-59
Total Yards
261 7-0

Rice (2-3)

Armstrong 16-9-2-186
Passing Yards (net)
205 60-8-2
Rushing Yards (net)
20-117
Total Yards
227 7-1

Utah (3-0)

Gary (3-13), Tave (3-7), Rule (3-6), Givens 2-39, Chase 2-29, Martin 2-26. Dorsey 2-14.

Three-point goals — Rice 5-16; Utah 0-0.

Assists — Rice 15 (Hagen 5, Pflieger 5); Utah 14 (Smith 6, Brown 5).

RICE 67 TEXAS CHRISTIAN 81


SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Volleyball finishes with loss to lipscomb

The Owls' volleyball team closed out its season with a three-game loss to Lipscomb University.

The Owls fell to a barrage of Houston in the first round of the NCAA Tournament Nov. 16. The Cougars, who upset second-seeded Marshall University 20-13, 12-14 (C-USA) a day after ousting 18th-seeded Rice 15-19, 5-15, lost to tournament runner-up Memphis University in the semifinals.

Senior middle blocker Tessa Neaves was named to the C-USA All-conference second team prior to the match, and her 546 career blocks set a new Rice record.

Freshman middle blocker Natalie Bogan was named to the all-freshman team for the Lipscomb match with a .282 hitting percentage.

In addition to winning matches one and two, the Cougar defense solidified, helping the Owls fell to a barrage of Houston in the first round of the NCAA Tournament Nov. 16. The Cougars, who upset second-seeded Marshall University 20-13, 12-14 (C-USA) a day after ousting 18th-seeded Rice 15-19, 5-15, lost to tournament runner-up Memphis University in the semifinals.

Sophomore outside hitter Jessica Holderness led Rice with 48 kills, and freshman Channing Grigsby had 41 assists.

— Dylan Parmer

IN FOCUS: PRESIDENT'S CUP

Standings as of Nov. 26

Including Freshman sports and Powderpuff

Will Rice 9
Sof Rich 8
Baker 8
Hanzan 7
Jones 5.5
Marlet 4
Weiss 3
LSA 3
Lovett 0

Not including Freshman sports and Powderpuff

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Swimming strong at Indiana Invitational

At the Indiana University Open Invitational Nov. 17-19, the swim team impressed dramatically, and junior distance swimmer Brittany Massangis provisionally qualified for the NCAA championship tournament in the 1650-yard freestyle.

Massangis finished third in the mile with a time of 16 minutes, 47.10 seconds, just under 6 seconds faster than the provisional qualification time of 16:53.04.

Junior Justice Lin also earned a third place in the 200-yard backstroke at 21:14, trailing the leader by a mere half-second. Earning another third-place finish was sophomore Caralynn Miller, who beat 12 other swimmers in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 33.72 seconds. Miller also swam into second place in the 200-yard freestyle with a career-best time of 1:57.93, only .09 seconds faster than the provisional NCAA qualification time of 1:57.80.

The Owls improved in nearly all events over the seaons at Indiana's Hoosier and Skyler Craig, along with freshman Megan Land earning season best times in the 50-yard freestyle. The freshmen breast-

swimmers Hannah O'Kane, Stephanie Eberhardt and Erin Mattison all posted season-best times in the 100-yard backstroke, with Zeltick earning 10th out of the 34 competitors.

While the Indiana Invitational was not a true-meet result, the Owls faced fast competition from all teams at the meet, especially 12th-ranked Indiana University. The institutional served as good preparation for the Owls' next dual-meet tomorrow.

— Tyler Johnson

PAGE 3 PRESENTS...

So here at Page 3, we decided to ask ourselves a question for the ages: What would happen if our beloved Rice football team engaged in a friendly match with a fellow NFL team, say… the Arizona Cardinals? Let us post the game's timeline:

5:00 — Prettyboy Matt Leinart begins his bathroom dance routine.
6:00 — Brent Musburger starts for the NBC broadcast.
6:15 — Brent realizes he doesn't work for NBC.
6:30 — Larry Fitzgerald threatens Oilers for impinging on his punt.
6:31 — Eugene Aman turns the ball over at the Owls' 50 and back at his own thinking, "Wow, I wish I was on that team."
7:00 — Leinart sacked by Brian Houston.
7:13 — R/PD arrests Ken Matlock for striking.
7:20 - Shepherd 99 yard strike to Olliek, who sort of flies into the endzone from around the 50. The world looks on wonder.
7:21 - Coach Fangmeier takes 50 punt and "he-hell it." "For the hell of it."
7:30 - 9:15 - Three Ties when you're having fun.
9:30 - With Rice trailing 51-0, defensive Interim Courtney Gentry and George Chuaie charge forward with an image of Paris Hilton. Leinart dances into the endzone for a safety — Rice wins!
FRIDAY

First is first

Today is First Friday, and Friday the first. First Friday, the capital-ized variety, is Rice Program Council’s talent and event show in Stu Courtyard and the adjacent field this afternoon. This month, First Friday is pairing with World AIDS Day, which takes place all day in Kelley Lounge in the Student Center. AIDS Day coordinators host a benefit concert from 3-6 p.m. with free T-shirts while they last.

Conspiracy of Silence

Conspiracy of Silence: HIV/AIDS in the Black Community takes place today from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Grand Hall of the Rice Memorial Center. Three panel discussions are planned, with university and community activists and experts attending, including Religious Studies Professor Elias Bongamba and Houston council-woman Ada Edwards. Lunch will also be provided.

iViva!

Everybody loves salsa. Actually, I knew a guy that was allergic to cilantro, so he didn’t particularly care for salsa, since oftentimes it made him violently ill. I digress. Tonight from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m., Weiss College’s Posada begins at 6 p.m., with dinner and the show to follow at 7. Tickets cost $4 for Rice folk and $6 for everybody else.

SUBMIT AN EVENT

Deadline is Monday at 12 a.m. prior to Friday publication. Submission methods:
Fax: (713) 348-5238
E-mail: threshercalendar@rice.edu
Campus Mail:
Calendar Editor
Thresher, MS-524
Submissions printed on a space available basis.

FRIDAY

That's all, folks!

Today is the last day of classes. For many of you, today is also the first day of ultra-cramathon 2006, where you study so hard you actually forget to breathe and blink for several minutes at a time. I suggest taking a few hours to breathe and relax today before you throw yourself into finals mode.

BUDHAVARA

Hindi

Hindi is one of two national languages for the country of India, the other being English. India boasts one of the oldest civilizations in the world, and the cultural history also includes many other languages still spoken in the 28 Indian states. India has benefitted greatly from economic globalization in recent years. As India’s economy continues to become more and more advanced, the former crown jewel of the British Empire’s work week becomes more and more Westernized. As anyone who has ever had to make a phone call to tech support can tell you, whether you take a sack lunch with a ham and cheese sandwich or a garlic and cheese paratha, hump day, or Budhavara, leaves you a little more likely to make a phone call to a slightly disgruntled and most definitely worn-out service associate.
HOUSTON – Note: The following story is a verbatim transcript of something we made up from casually perusing the KPRC Local 2 News Web site, aka, the same techniques they used for reporting on Rice.

Although it is one of the nation’s largest media markets, KPRC is one of the worst local news networks in the country. It’s trashy and lowbrow (Radar the weather dog? News reports on the anchor’s kids?! What the 5%?!?). But KPRC investigative reporters may think that their standards can be as low as the common denominator to which this network seems to aspire.

There are quotes taken out of context and overly made up. There were shots of investigative reporting and not letting facts get in the way of a good story, we were able to provide a night vision picture of Davis’s relationship with coworker, Radar the weather dog.

And if we cut and paste pictures, much like she cut and pasted two-second-long interviews, we can provide clear photographic evidence of this sweet, forbidden inter-office love.

We didn’t ask KPRC if we could sit in on the editorial office love. Photographic evidence of this sweet, forbidden inter-office love.

By using the same selective placement techniques as Amy Davis, and not letting facts get in the way of a good story, we were able to provide a night vision picture of Davis’s relationship with coworker, Radar the weather dog.

Investigation: KPRC Reporter Gets Pass For Bad Reporting, Affair With Canine Co-Worker?

The Backpage is satire and is written by Evan Mintz.