New academic calendar could shorten final exam period

by Jocelyn Wright

A longer winter break and shorter final exam periods could come as early as the 2008-09 academic year as part of plans to rework the academic calendar.

Driven by the concern that the current spring exam period is too short in comparison to grading criteria for seniors and non-seniors, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Professor Evan Siemann is working with Registrar David Tenney (Sid ‘87) and Associate Dean of Architecture John Casbarian to create a new academic calendar plan was created without student input and were presented to students for the first time at the Student Association meeting Monday.

The 2008-09 calendar should be finalized by Nov. 14. Siemann said the Faculty Senate is likely to vote on the final calendar at this time before sending it to the administration for approval.

Changes to the calendar would most noticeably occur in the spring semester. The spring calendar has always had separate exam days for seniors and non-seniors, which Siemann said can lead to differences in grading criteria for the two groups.

Since professors must assign grades to seniors before non-seniors have taken the final, Siemann said they sometimes use different grading standards for seniors and non-seniors, for a curve based on senior grades only, which can cause a higher inter-year variance in grades.

Siemann, Tenney and Casbarian have currently proposed two solutions to this problem, both of which involve reducing the number of exam days. The current calendar has seven exam days in the fall and 10 in the spring.

In order for both solutions to be feasible, Siemann said an Honor Code rule that prevents seniors from taking more than two exams every two days would need to be changed.

"No other university has a rule like this," Siemann said.

One proposed calendar for the fall would reduce fall exam days to nine, which would extend winter break four days. In spring, the total number of exam days would be eliminated to allow for a common three-day study period day and Tuesday final exam period for all students.

Seniors and students at the Student Association meeting were not pleased with plans to reduce fall exam days to five, which would extend winter break by four days. In spring ‘09, the current calendar has seven exam days in the fall and 10 in the spring. Exam periods could come as early as the third exam day of exams.

"It's a great opportunity for seniors to get a break," said the break was especially important to Rice students since they do not get the two-week spring break that students at many other colleges do.

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Calendar conversation

It may be cliché at this point, but the theme of recent campus development conversations seems to be the shorter the calendar, the better. If there are going to be major changes to Rice — whether new buildings, new students or new policy — students, faculty and administrators can better afford needed discussions and to deal with the issues and find a solution agreeable to all parties. Which is why we are very disappointed with the calendar that Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Professor Emmanuelle Soulatte has been promoting as a calendar change, presented to the Student Association last month (see story, page 1). His diminutive-sounding proposal, created by essentially comparing an insulin pump to the proposed calendar changes seemed specified to fix a few unpopular issues with no regard for the significant problems students actually care about.

The calendar certainly needs a change, and we recognize the current proposal is nowhere near perfect. But considering that students are the group most affected by the academic calendar, we feel that student concerns should be taken very seriously. With that in mind, we would like to comment directly on some of the proposed changes and propose our own calendar.

Concerning seniors

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Concerning finals

The term "senior symposium" has been used in recent years to signal a conclusion to the student’s undergraduate career. The traditional final exam period should still work for students. We recognize that room space gets directly approved by faculty before commencement — a rule that many students find this rule to be an unnecessary relic. — the only people who benefit from the limit of 50 students per classroom being professors.

Additionally, the young student body will probably make this rule impossible to follow in a few years, as the senior class will become too large to register for all courses in time for commencement.

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Evan Neixen

Course evals fail to include department

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Guest column
Pub meant for football, not meditation

As someone who has spent a lot of time in Willy's Pub, I was disappointed when I entered the Pub last Monday to watch the arrival of the 2001 Winter Olympic torch. Pub is normally a location for fans to have a beer and enjoy the game. But that night, Pub was transformed into a meditation room. The televisions were off, and the sound system was tuned to meditation.

A group of maybe ten people had gathered in the Pub's basement, people meditating in a circle, putting their hands together, and deep in concentration. The sound of the Pub's typically lively atmosphere was replaced by the calm silence of meditation.

I understand that meditation is a personal practice, and it is not meant for a public setting. However, the Pub is a location for football fans to gather and enjoy the game. The event did bring up the question of whether meditation is suitable for a public setting.

Looking back on the successful event of Night Football promotion, I wonder if we could have avoided the situation by focusing on the positive aspects of the event. Perhaps we should have had a few bright lights on, and played some upbeat music to create a lively atmosphere.

I hope that the Pub will continue to be a location for football fans to enjoy and have a good time. Let us not turn it into a center for meditation. Let us keep it a place for football fans to come together and have a good time.

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Self-proclaimed sadly
Post modern judgment vs. Dada activism

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Moving the community garden from Hicks Kitchen to Wiess College will help provide organic foods to students and servers

Students can expect to find organic vegetables and herbs in their servers from the Rice Community Garden as early as January. The groundbreaking event for the garden was held Sunday at the southwest corner of Wiess College.

But the community garden is nothing new to Rice. When it was created in 1999, the garden was located behind the Mudd Laboratory in front of Hicks Kitchen. The garden had to be moved to a 375-square-foot plot of land at Wiess this year because the kitchen is undergoing renovations.

The community garden is being tended to primarily by students in BIOS 201: Environmental Sustainability: The Design & Practice of Community Agriculture — a one-credit hour class newly offered this semester. Students in the class are required to volunteer at the garden each week.

Faculty Club Director Ann Swain — who teaches BIOS 201 along with Ecology and Evolutionary Biology professor Jennifer Rudgers — said students in the class will learn basic elements of gardening design, soil types and composting systems.

Swain said she was surprised at the number of students who showed up to the first class of BIOS 201.

"At the first meeting, we had 40 kids there: a huge turnout," Swain said. "We weren't listed in any catalogues like ESTHER, it was just word of mouth and on the Web."

Jeremy Caves, who is co-student coordinator of the garden along with Wiess junior Roque Sanchez, said the club was popular during its first two years, but in recent years, there have been fewer volunteers.

"Since I got involved my freshman year, there haven't been a whole lot of active volunteers, maybe five," Caves, a Wiess junior, said.

But Caves said he believes the decline in volunteers was due to poor advertising.

Having more volunteers will allow garden volunteers to communicate with the servers to find out what organic foods people want.

Additionally, volunteers will be able to expand the garden to different parts of the campus. There are already plans to break ground for a 200-square-foot garden near Sid Richardson College.

"Hopefully we'll plant within the week so by next semester, stuff should start appearing in the servers," Caves said. "And it'll be a heck of a lot tastier."
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Proposed changes to 2008-'09 academic calendar

Reporting in Monday’s Student Association meeting, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Professor Evan Seimann represented the Faculty Senate proposing changes to the academic calendar that would affect the upcoming school year. Seimann reported on the current thinking of a faculty senate working group which includes Registrar David Tenney and Architecture Professor John Casbarian. Proposed changes included modifying final exam days and eliminating ‘mini-spring break.’

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Since the major dates for the 2008-09 calendar—such as commencement and O-Week—are already set, it would be difficult to make many modifications to the calendar until fall '09, Steffensen said. At the Students' Association meeting where Steffensen presented these concerns, senators and students stressed the importance of preserving a longer exam period.

"My main concern is that a lot of us look forward to the spring breaks without any kind of short period where we can take a few days and relax might cause a few problems."

Maurer said. "You could conceivably have two sets of Spring break (days in addition to the exams)."

Steffensen said the longer exam period would make final exams even more stressful.

"It's a period where everyone gets stressed out even with seven to ten days, he said. "Having gone through a couple of exam periods, I personally definitely enjoy having time between exams for a few things and requests from the previous exam before I try to tackle another one."

Some students, like Hansassen sophomore Frances Baur, did not think shortening the exam period would be problematic.

"It's a period where everyone gets stressed out even with seven to ten days, he said. "I feel there's enough faculty respect for students that they will accommodate student needs with take-home exams and flexible due-dates." At the SA meeting, Director of Elections Andrew Bowen suggested starting classes a week earlier in fall to lengthen winter break while keeping the longer exam period.

"I would have to be here teaching a week before my kids have to get back in school," Steffensen said. "We already get out before our labs and spring break never matches, so from a faculty perspective, starting earlier is bad."

Further scheduling difficulties for the spring semester come from the near-five-week gap between commencement and the end of the calendar which requires the faculty to meet and approve the candidates for graduation on the day prior to spring commencement. This allows academic designations such as Summa Cum Laude or Magna Cum Laude to be announced at commencement. Normally, commencement takes place a couple of days after final exams finish.

James College President Teddy Bucher said he did not like this change to the calendar.

"Having extra exam days is an incentive to stay a few extra days and see your friends graduate," Bucher, a senior, said. "If there was a week and a half between final exams and commencement, a lot of people might not stay and would just go home."

You cannot pass

Barricades block the path between Hansassen College and Brown Way as construction workers continue their efforts to complete this section of walkway. The special semipermeable concrete that is being installed has presented numerous problems in the past weeks. (See story, page 1)

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The Student Association met Monday. The following were discussed:

- Director of Technology J.D. Leonard announced that the Student Association Academics & Student Life Roll was posted and encouraged people to voice their opinions, particularly on the question dealing with propositions for new minors.
- The Art Committee was formed and has seven members who are currently writing a proposal to paint construction fences. The committee will meet with the university curator to discuss when they can start painting.
- The Commencement Speaker Committee will form shortly and will work with Assistant to the President Mark Davis to select someone for this spring.
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- It was announced that Spirit Week will take place the week before Homecoming weekend which begins Friday, Nov. 2, and will have differently themed days: Monday will be pajama day, Tuesday will be twin day, Wednesday will be trick-or-treat day, Thursday will be different themed days: Monday will be pajama day, Tuesday will be twin day, Wednesday will be trick-or-treat day, and Thursday will be different themed days: Monday will be pajama day, Tuesday will be twin day, Wednesday will be trick-or-treat day.
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Wiess College offers first student-taught courses at Rice

by Joyce Yao

The old saying goes that students learn the most from their peers. Wiess College has taken this idea to a whole new level, offering student-taught college courses. The first of their kind at Rice, the three one-hour student-taught college courses are WIES 102: The History of Jazz, WIES 103: Zombies in Fiction and Film and the History of Jazz.

The students teaching these courses are a part of a Wiess College initiative called the Student Activists Office. If you are interested in taking charge of Rice’s biggest campus-wide activity, apply together. The deadline for submitting an application is Wednesday, October 24th by 5pm. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Heather Masden, Director of Student Activities, at x-40977 or hmasden@rice.edu Interviews will be scheduled upon receipt of application.

WIESS COLLEGE COURSES

WIES 102: Mathematics of Aesthetics, Sean Wilkinson
WIES 103: Zombies in Fiction and Film, Patricia Ladd
WIES 104: The History of Jazz, Matt Schumann

The search for campus-wide Beer Bike coordinators has been reopened.

If you are interested in taking charge of Rice’s biggest campus-wide activity, stop by the Student Activities Office to pick up an application.

Applications are available today. Teams are encouraged to apply together. The deadline for submitting an application is Wednesday, October 24th by 5pm.

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Rice hires Government Relations Director

by Caroline May

Ray Martinez began work as Director of Government Relations in Rice's Office of Public Affairs Oct. 8. Martinez will work to increase the financial resources available to Rice by accumulating grants from state, federal and private entities.

"I want to focus on establishing a more coordinated effort with regard to how we deal with public officials," Martinez said. "We need an effective and organized approach toward seeking funds from all areas."

Martinez said he will act as an ambassador for Rice, raising and maintaining the school's status and reputation in the public and private sectors. Dividing his time between Houston, Austin and Washington, D.C., Martinez will act as advisor for Rice's interests at both the federal and state levels.

Prior to his position at Rice, Martinez ran a government affairs business in Austin.

"Rice has asked me to take my experience on the state and federal level and use that knowledge to achieve an ambitious agenda aimed at increasing the school's portfolio," he said.

Martinez said his first task will be to familiarize himself with Rice. Building relationships through the community and through all ranks of government will be vital to enacting Rice's visions for the future, Martinez said, that networking and communication are essential to that end.

"I am concerned with more than just funding," Martinez said. "We need to make sure key officials, federal, state and philanthropic grant-making bodies get to know Rice and its capabilities. The Public Affairs team is the face of Rice, and it is our job to represent the University."

Martinez said he is enthusiastic about getting involved with the community and listening to ideas, suggestions and concerns. Despite his position as an administrator, Martinez said he does have plans to frequent residential college dining halls and become familiar with students.

Ray Martinez, Director of Government Relations

Martinez has had experience in government relations ranging from the state to federal level. He is a lawyer by training, with a law degree from the University of Houston. He worked for Bill Clinton's presidential campaigns and served on Clinton's White House Staff twice. While under Clinton, Martinez worked with Donna Shalala, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. His earlier jobs include working for Texas State Representative Sylvestre Turner and the Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott.

He's like Paul Bunyan

Except that he's not thirty feet tall. Chris from The Blades works his axe at KTRU's free concert, Saturday Oct. 6 in Farnsworth Pavilion. The Gowns also played, but A Pink Cloud — though scheduled — did not appear.

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A Clearer Image – of Your Future

**STATE**

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year. Leebron spoke about expanding the student body, faculty and residential colleges in his Vision for the Second Century. In the next few years, he said he hopes to see a larger applicant pool while retaining a small student-to-faculty ratio.

Last year, 8,974 students applied to Rice. By 2012, Leebron hopes to see 14,000 applicants and an increased undergraduate population from this year’s 3,002 to 3,770.

Renovation of older colleges and addition of new ones will provide housing for the larger student population. From 2008 to 2011, Leebron predicts an increase in graduate enrollment from 3,035 to 3,510.

Rice is currently tied with Princeton University for the second-lowest student-to-faculty ratio nationally, at five students for every professor. Leebron plans to increase faculty size starting this year to accommodate the increasing student body.

Leebron plans to focus on internationalization and will seek collaborative relationships with China, Indian, Latin American, Mexico, Israel and Britain in the future. Currently, the China Center for Asian Studies and the Americas Research Center are in the planning stage but will be part of this international collaboration.

Leebron said the Vision for the Second Century will make Rice’s research more global and far-reaching and will make the university the top-choice for students, faculty and staff.

Faculty Senate Speaker Debra Harter said Leebron presented detailed information and the faculty was generally concerned with plans for the endowment and diversity but asked questions primarily for clarification.

She said this year’s address differed from Leebron’s two previous addresses by focusing on more issues.

“I think what this sort of event does is lay a groundwork,” Harter said. “I also think that his presentation may reflect his sense that there are lots of good things happening with the university and that he’s excited to talk about those. Of course, whenever information is presented in a very condensed way, that kind of presentation can also have its drawbacks.”

**DELAY**

From page 1

minutes of travel time and allowing the crews more time to pour before the material hardens.

“I’m very confident that once this is done right, it will exceed everyone’s expectations,” said Mattinson. “This was nothing that me or my company could prevent.”

Amery said he was happy with the work that Barziza had done, but disappointed with Cemex’s quality. Rice has done most of its past concrete business with Barziza.

Students expressed patience with the procedure.

“It’s worth the hassle,” Baker College freshman Cindy Finch said. “The original environmental purpose is worth all the trouble that it’s caused us.”

Amery said Rice has plans to implement permeable concrete in its parking lots. He also said FE&P is open to student suggestions for how to better implement the project in the future.

“We’re committed to doing more of this because it’s environmentally friendly,” Amery said. “I’m confident in this, but I want to apologize to the students for the inconvenience that all of this has caused.”
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**THEATER**

**Wiesse Tabletop Newf Freshman**

Freshman Jon Wiesse is a hard worker, and he's not afraid to take professional short plays next weekend. Performances include "Witch, Please!" by Wiesse alumna Maria Ladd and "Sure Thing" by David Ives. The fun opens Thursday, Oct. 18 at 8 p.m., and admission is $5.

**MUSIC**

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Join the hip team behind this new festival on Thursday. Performances run from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. next weekend. Unusual Animals: The Wiggins, Cryptacize, WiessTabletop, David Sedaris at 2 p.m., is free and runs through Jan. 21. Visit www.diverseworks.org for more information.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR**

**PENN AND HIRSCH TALK ABOUT FILMING "INTO THE WILD**

by Claire Newman

FOR THE THRESHER

Jean Penn is a bit of a hippie. So it makes sense that he wrote and directed Into the Wild, the true story of a young man's search for absolute freedom by escaping from society. Penn (All the King's Men) personal investment in the message and story behind the film, which urges viewers to step outside their comfort zones. The movie is a tale of nature-lover, but a well-coordinated effort from Penn as director and Emile Hirsch (The Girl Next Door) as actor. It presents the theme of removal from the social order through the moving story of a single man who leaves everything to face nature.

Into the Wild is based on Jon Krakauer's novel about Christopher McCandless's unorthodox journey out of the material world of America and into the Alaskan wilderness. After graduating from Emory University, Chris (Hirsch) opts to give his life savings away to charity and venture out completely on his own. He travels across America by car, foot and kayak — whatever means possible — and meets many people along the way. Chris finally makes his way to Alaska, and viewers watch as his life slowly disintegrates. This show descends into loneliness and poignancy that is neither obscure, a character development.

**Getting the crew together**

Penn worked on the project for ten years. One of the reasons that the film has only just been released is the McCandless-family's reluctance to see a movie made about Chris. Once Penn and Jean opened the family found more aspects of Chris' life to focus upon. "We loved his story," said Jean. "He was like a dance between the family and the [film-makers]." Jean even went as far as to say that the film was "an interview with the Thresher. We had to balance sensitivities with the responsibilities of truth."

Penn emphasized the involvement of Chris' sister Carine (Jena Malone), whose letters confirmed a deep bond between the two siblings that needed to be accurately portrayed. Hirsch credited Carine as his motivation for his starring role.

"The love she had for him (Chris) made me want to tell the story," Hirsch said.

Hirsch has come along way from running naked down suburban sidewalks with The Girl Next Door co-star Elisabeth Shue. In fact, he asserts that he needed this role for his own development, even though it entailed hefty physical and emotional demands. His unhappiness with his own life, combined with urges for adventure, led him to personally connect with Chris' way of living. Penn knew that Hirsch was the right actor to take on the role after seeing him in an earlier role.

"I saw the chemistry in his face in Lords of Dogtown," Penn said. "I thought I could relate to him."

Penn tried bringing in another notable name associated with the film, Eddie Vedder, lead singer of Pearl Jam. Vedder composed the original music for the film, green it is a granite vibe that is fitting for the gritty nature of the movie.

"I structured the movie around Vedder's (The Girl Next Door) song, a wanted one voice to be the soul of Emile's character musically."

**Escape to nature**

"The abundance of criticism embodied in the movie is also rather overwhelming, commenting on everything from domesticity to what are American values. The overpowering presence of condemnation contradicts the true message of the film. We give only a small audience not to focus on these side points. This aspect of the story is supposed to take a back seat to the theme of the search for freedom, yet this objective is not altogether clear in the film itself."

The messages may seem didactic, but Penn was so affected by Krakauer's novel and his experience in Alaska that he wanted to communicate some of what he learned. Filming involved only Penn and Hirsch, and a small crew, so they were free to indulge in improvisation of both wilderness and themselves. "We had authentic experience of being in wilderness. Penn said. This made him re-evaluate his own materialism, he said.

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**Museum's new jewelry exhibit shows off bling, lacks shine**

by Rachel Green

"No jewelry," said John Schobinger, a renowned jewelry artist. "We had authentic experience with Rice I.D."

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Bleak, slow situations mar humor in *King of California*

by Brian Reinhardt

*King of California* features a strange family, goofy storyline and bad acting, and while it tries to mimic *Little Miss Sunshine*, it is just as hilarious and well-paced. The film's pace is too slow for too long and despite the hilarious second half, it might not be worth the wait.

"King of California"
*• of five
Now playing at
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The film unites one of the most talented actors of the last generation with one of the best actresses in the last. Michael Douglas (Star Trek: Insurrection) plays Charlie, a crazy man with absurd facial hair who was committed to a mental asylum so he would stop thinking so much.

Unfortunately, it had the opposite effect, as he delves into the hospital library, discovering that Spanish explorers had left a huge treasure somewhere in his hometown. Upon returning to the town, he forces his daughter, Miranda (Across the Universe's Evan Rachel Wood), to join him on a hopeless quest for the gold.

During the first half of the movie, the two characters experience a great deal of tension that bogs down any comedic momentum. The first full hour of the film is nothing more than the histrionics of one or two people. Miranda getting pushed around by her father. A cashier at a McDonald's, Miranda is shown repeating "Welcome to McDonald's" until that pathetic phrase seems to carry an undercurrent of tension that bogs down any comedic momentum.

As for Wood, she is extraordinary here as the enervated daughter for whom life was easier before Charlie came home. But mostly, *King of California* just seems like an excuse to be silly and irrelevant. Sometimes the i-ke-royal jokes are too many, but too few of them are flat or fall among the plethora of other purposes. The viewer who can sit through Charlie's first-screen monologue during the film's first half will be rewarded, but it takes a great deal of patience and caffeine.

Fortunately, the final scenes are uproarious, but for much of the audience, they may come too late. Those not willing to wait will end up SNORING.

Douglas is tremendous in the role of Charlie, nailing every lunatic joke. As for Wood, who just cannot catch a break when it comes to women. The movie follows Brady's 18-month divorce and divorces before he comes across "The One" under bizarre circumstances.

Although similar to *Love Actually* in approach, *One True Love* is not as well-acted or as well-written as that film. However, it's a work of great heart and the laughs will greet the scene with smears.

Charlie's quest reaches an extraordinarily wacky, though ambiguous, conclusion. Ultimately it may not be as important as the fact that when the end is near, Miranda finally puts aside her misgivings and conscience and devotes herself to her father's crazy quest. The film may, in part, be attempting to illustrate the ties that bind families together. But it fails, with these kinds of additions seeming like unnecessary bells and whistles on the core comedy.

Sex-charged *Feast of Love* induces gag reflex

by Lisa Gordon

*For the Thresher*

The film is getting low on the sexual meter, but it's full of really great chemistry. *King of California* gives advice to Chloe (The Chronicles of Riddick's Alexa Davalos), a member of one of the many poorly portrayed sex-obsessed couples in the new film *Feast of Love*.

*Feast of Love* focuses on the romantic struggles of multiple couples with Bradley (Little Miss Sunshine's Greg Kinnear) at the center. He is an ubiquitous coffee shop owner who just cannot catch a break when it comes to women. The movie follows Brady's 18-month struggle through two marriages and divorces before he comes across "The One" under bizarre circumstances.

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Volleyball’s road struggles continue

Soccer dominated UH in 2-0 win

Owls to take on defending C-USA champions UAB tonight at home

By Bobby McFarlane

IN FOCUS: SOCCER

C-USA record: 5-0 (led 6-3)

Last week: The Owls opened up their conference schedule with a 2-0 home win over UNH.

What made the difference: Rice outshined the Cougars 24-4, with two shots off frame. heads, and Edwards finding the back of the net.

Next: The Owls face UAB (8-2, 1-0 C-USA) at home tonight at 7 p.m. The Blazers currently hold the best overall winning percentage in the conference.

The first goal of the night came in the 23rd minute after sophomore defender Korin Schengart blasted a free shot against the crossword. The defending Ion opened Edwards, seven yards out on the left side of the goal. The freshman needed only a quick tap and tap to give the Owls a 1-0 lead that they would not relinquish.

Edwards continued her impressive performance in the 64th minute when senior forward Chayla Martin scored a dramatic header from eight yards out. With that insurance goal and a tight performance from the defense, Rice coasted to its first conference win and improved its all-time record against UH to 6-0. Senior midfielder Shelby Weng natched another strong performance in the victory, placing two shots on goal and setting up goals.

For the game, the Owls outshot the Cougars 24-4 and had 11 corners. Houston.

Head coach Wes Houston said. "That was the first time we played up to our potential." In her second shot, a new freshman goalkeeper Meghan Enna made a pair of saves in the game. The defense was stellar in the finale.

Threshers Sports Commentary

Powderpuff’s profile calls for better protection

Powderpuff? Seriously?

When I first saw that the Thresher’s sports section covered powderpuff, I was shocked. What self-respecting sports reporter would cover such a mundane, laughable, wholly fringe-sports event? How could anyone possibly take this seriously?

You see, I like to think I know a thing or two about sports — why else would I have a baseball bat? This power hitter when it comes to baseball, although a novice when it comes to tailgate parties and … oh, I mean football.

Last Monday, Oct. 12, 2007

Friday, Oct. 12

• Soccer vs. UAB
• Women’s Cross Country vs. Has Invitational

Saturday, Oct. 13

• Football vs. Houston
• Volleyball vs. UTEP

Sunday, Oct. 14

• Soccer vs. Memphis

OWLOOK — THE WEEK IN SPORTS

- Volleyball vs. Tulane 1 p.m. — Fox Gym
- Football vs. Memphis 7 p.m. — Fox Gym
- Women’s Cross Country vs. Has Invitational 7 p.m. — Houston
- Volleyball vs. UTEP 7 p.m. — Fox Gym
- Football vs. Houston 3:30 p.m. — Robertson Stadium
- Soccer vs. Memphis 1 p.m. — Rice Track/Soccer Stadium
Greg Oden, the Soulja Boy

Thus begins the lyrics to "Crank Joakim Noah!"

Watch me play Greg Oden, the Soulja Boy

They say I am a prodigy. To tell you what I want to say.

You don't know me, I'm Bout as noseless Michael Jackson performed "Soulja Boy, as rewritten by Greg Oden.

But all the punks, they knew my name is Greg, if you don't know me, I'm but as tall as a big oak tree

I'm from the land of good King James Maximos is one of his kid's names.

But I digress, I'm here today To tell you what I want to say.

I'm kind of special, yeah, you see. They say I am a prodigy.

I am a Buckeye, through and through 'Cuz I only did a year of school. We ended up facing a crowd of Gators.

Man, they ain't nothin' but a bunch of haters.

Yeah we lost that final game But all the punks, they knew my name. They say, "He's powerful, like a bat. Plus le's got better hair than Joakim Noah!"

Greg Oden

The history came and Portland got tap. Celtics fans' dreams made a collective drop. The team known for having the most players in jail.

The state all know I learned from playin' "Oregon Trail."

I know that I'd be number one. Because I never touched a goal.

But also 'cause, hell, I am a Buck. And I looked as old as Wayne Graham.

Not a ham in the sense of being a player. But a ham in the sense of dancin' big.

And playing that DDR all night long. Did you know that "Unchained" is my favorite song?

But alas this year wasn't meant to be.

Since I have somethin' up inside my Knee I don't know what to do, or where to go. So I guess I'll just have to Superman that CENSORED.

More photos of Dylan Farmer, Hanszen College junior, and a Temple sports editor, but now he's living the good life in France.

Who knew aircraft were into self-help?

Rice University scientists are using carbon nanotubes to develop "smart" materials that may help aircraft of the future repair themselves in mid-flight.

The unique electrical properties of nanotubes may allow future planes to change their shape in flight, much like a bird shifts its wings to catch the air. All this flexing will require the help of a powerful, shape-conscious brain, too. One day, maybe these planes will even write their own self-help books about how to improve themselves for positive change.

Please know more at rice.edu

Unconventional Wisdom
Brown maintains top spot in Powderpuff with win over Sid

by Kashagra Shrinath

With an impenetrable defense and a receiving corps that looks like it was born for the gridiron, Brown (4-3) came away with a well-deserved 14-6 win over Sid Richard-son (3-3) to reaffirm their position at the top of the league standings in last Saturday’s Powderpuff Game of the Week.

The first half of this much-anticipated matchup was a defensive struggle. Brown's defense was particularly stingy, forcing Sid to four straight three-and-outs and limiting them to minus seven yards of total offense. "They say defense wins championships," Brown sophomore corner-back wide receiver Mary Chapman said. "We were really excited for this game and we knew that defense would be a big part of... we had been working on it all week at practice."

After an early stalemate, Brown was able to come up with a big play in the middle of the first quarter. Facing a third and seven near midfield, sophomore Jackie Amnions flew past the Sid secondary, caught a pass over the top from junior quarterback Teri Gascoyne and raced to the end zone to give Brown an early 7-0 lead.

With only two minutes left in the half, Sid appeared to even the score when junior cornerback Marisa Gonzalez returned a Gascoyne interception 64 yards for a touchdown. However, the two offspring penalties — roughing the passer on Sid and an illegal block on Brown — null-ified the play, allowing Brown to enter the half with a 7-0 lead.

Brown came out strong in the second half, putting together an eight-play, 65-yard drive that ended in a 63-yard touchdown pass to Amnions. On a second and 10 from the Sid 43-yard line, Gascoyne made an Amnions down the sideline. The sophomore wideout then beat two Sid defenders on route to the end zone.

Amnions had her best game of the year, catching eight passes for 105 yards and two touchdowns. "Our game plan coming into this game was to try and get Jackie into some isolation coverage," Brown head coach Bryan Hodge said. "We knew that they were either going to double her up or she was going to catch a lot of balls."

Sid's first drive of the half was not as successful as senior quarterback Lisa Baith was picked off by Brown senior cornerback Sara Lark. However, Sid was able to get the ball back and mount its first prolonged drive of the game, going 75 yards in 14 plays to get on the scoreboard. Baithrop threw a one-yard touchdown pass to sophomore wide receiver Emily Jacobs to cut the score when junior cornerback Jackie Amnions flew a third and seven near midfield, completing the drive with a 65-yard touchdown.

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Wiess vs. Hanszen

When: Oct. 23 at 1 a.m.
Where: Intramural Field 6

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Despite the loss, four-time defending champion Sid still remain posi-tive about the rest of the season. "We lost two in a row last year and we still won the championship," Baithrop said. "We're not any worse off right now... we're going to come after it."

However, Sid's losing streak ran to nine in a row last year ... we're going to come after it."

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GAME OF THE WEEK

Wiess vs. Hanszen

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EDWARDS

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their sixth shutout of the year last Friday, as senior defender Beth Marie Martin concluded a remarkable 90-minute performance.

With the win the Owls remained undefeated at home, moving to 6-0-0, when playing at the Rice Track/Soccer Stadium.

ROAD

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players in doubles-digits in digs. Lam and senior outside hitter Kristin Dempana combined for 44 digs, showing why Rice's defense is ranked 11th in the nation. Unfortunately, it was not quite enough for the win.

Rice's defense was solid again two days later against the Golden Hurricane (1653, 42 %CUSA), posting a season high 108 blocks, including 56 from Lam and 36 from McLean. Sophomore outside hitter Jessie Bonish broke her career record for blocks with six, along with six each from Bogan and freshman middle blocker Caroline Gill.

Both teams battled back and forth in the opening game. But with the score tied at 25, a quick kill from Bogan followed by an ace from McLean gave Rice the 31-29 win. The teams continued to trade points early in game two until the Golden Hurricane broke ahead to a 30-25 advantage. Unable to catch up, the Owls dropped the game 30-23.

After Tulsa took the third game, Rice evened the score at 2-2 with a 30-22 victory in the fourth game.

The Owls then appeared set to take the match, posting an 8-3 lead in game four. However, five straight Tulsa points tied the score at 8-8, and Rice was never able to regain momentum, falling 15-11.

Despite the two losses, head coach Genny Volpe said she saw some positives from the matches.

"The entire team, the entire coaching staff and the people knowing we're playing really good volleyball," she said. "We just need to clean up the little things."

**Pair of Owls notch wins at All-American**

Senior Ralph Knupfer played his way to the main draw and junior Christoph Müller qualified for the consolation draw last week's ITA All-American Championships in Tulsa, Okla.

Knupfer, ranked 81st in the country, opened the tournament at the Colonial Country Club, a par 72 course in Midland, Texas, today.

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Knupfer held fast for the 7-5, 6-4 win to qualify for main draw, the first time he has done so at the All-American Championships.

Facing ninth-seeded Luke Shields of Boise State University, Müller stepped up his game and won in three sets 6-1,4-6,6-3. But Müller's run ended there, as he was unable to rally from an early deficit and lost 62, 46, 75 to the University of Kentucky's Brain Agassi.

The two also competed in doubles, notching an 8-6 win against the University of Virginia's Lee Singer and Sanam Singh before bowing out against Jean Yves Aubone and Clint Bowles of Florida State University.

Rice next competes in the Midland Racquet Club Invitational in Midland, Texas, today through Sunday.

--- Caryn Michiel

_Golf finishes 10th in Memphis_ 

The golf team finished 10th out of 16 teams at the Memphis Intercollegiate last Tuesday in Memphis, Tenn. The tournament was held at the Colonial Country Club, a par 72 course of 7,234 yards.

The Owls shot 604, 32 strokes behind tournament champion University of Mississippi. The team was 10th after the opening round but cut six strokes off of its first-day total to leapfrog the University of Nebraska.

Rice was led by sophomore Christopher Brown's three-over par 75, and freshman Caroline Gill, who shot 79, 74 for a 153 total.

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Swimming 2007-08

Owls look to youth to exceed last season’s impressive finish

by Tracy Dansker

For most swim teams, starting almost every meet 12 points down before the meet even began would be a bit disheartening. But for Rice, whose lack of a diving team will cost them those 12 points, this disadvantage just adds fuel to its competitive fire.

The Owls traveled to their first meet last in Las Cruces, N.M. against the University of Northern Colorado and New Mexico State University before swimming against five teams at the Phill Hansel Duals at the end of this month. However, according to head coach Seth Huston, the toughest meets will come toward the end of the season.

“Our conference meets tend to be really tough, and a lot of the best teams are in the state,” Huston said. “But Rice is also looking to freshman Andrea Hurn this year. Craig, who took third in the 200-yard butterfly last year, will also be returning this season. Craig, who took third in the 200-yard butterfly last year, will also be returning this season.

Junior Diane Gu, one of the swim team’s co-captains, will compete with fellow seniors and Diving championships, its best to head coach Seth Huston, the Owls’ youth. Rather, she said the Owls have a long way to go if they are to head coach Seth Huston, the Owls’ youth. Rather, she said the Owls have a long way to go if they are to expect a repeat performance. The team lost two of its top swimmers from the Owls’ youth. Rather, she said the Owls need to make positive improvements heading into the season. “They come to practice with a really positive attitude every day and sometimes they’re exciting every day,” Gu said. “Coming in as freshmen, they just want to impress us. They want to fit in and they’re doing just that.”

Rice fans will have plenty to look out for this meet. The Owls’ lone senior, Brittany Massengale, is also one of the top swimmers in the conference, if not the nation. One year removed from representing the United States at the World Open Water Championships, Massengale took third in the mile and fourth in the top six of the 200-yard individual events for the Owls along with junior Caitlin Warner. Like Massengale, Warner qualified for the 10-kilometer swim at the 2007 World Open Water Championship Trials later this month. This meet will give them the opportunity to compete for a spot on the U.S. national team that will head to Beijing for the 2008 Summer Olympics.

If the Owls are to make any headway in C-USA this year, Massengale and Warner will have to score big. But Rice is also looking to freshman Karen Gerken, a freshman from all-state honor, to score in distance freestyle events. And junior and senior Caitlin Warner will lead the men’s team and may be joined by fellow freshmen Kait Chura and Rice. All of these teams combined will compete in the backstroke, freestyle, and medley relays.

The Owls’ youth is by far the most unpredictable event in terms of who will swim. Eberhardt and junior Natalie Kierulf did well last year, but this may be an event where freshmen dominate — specifically, Chura, Korellis and Ashten Ackerman, all of whom compete in IMs in high school.

Considering all of the individual talent, it comes as no surprise that there are great expectations for this year’s team. Both the freestyle and medley relays had good finishes last year and all of those swimmers will be returning this season.

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Too many news

Brown vs. Lovett

Brown
"We're so much better than anyone"

Brown
(longwinded story about
powderpuff history)

Lovett
"Make something up"

I don't know

Lovett
"Because girl's not OK"

Wies vs. Hanszen

Hanszen
"Ryan vs. Daniels, Yikes"

Wies
"We need upsets in powderpuff"

Hanszen
Wies
"Ouch"

Wies

Jones vs. Baker

Jones
"Baker scored last week?"

Jones
"I'm not dumb"

Baker
"I really like their library"

Baker
"I hate Jones, but don't say that"

Baker
"But Jones will score"

Martel vs. WRC

Martel
"But Martel needs better cheers"

WRC
"Up is down, left is right"

Martel
"Martel"

WRC

Hanszen vs. Sid

Hanszen
"Will Sack A Bathrop campaign continue?"

Sid
"We're gonna get off the schnied"

Hanszen
I don't know. Again.

Sid

Wies vs. Lovett

Wies
"I hope"

Nobody
"deserves to win"

Lily is a slave-driver

Wies
"Love it, hate it, burn it down"

Wies

*denotes Thresher Game of the Week

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Psych! It's Monday!
Today’s classes run on a Monday schedule. No, it’s not an evil plot to screw you over, it’s supposed to even out the number of class meetings during the semester.

THURSDAY 18
Ring a ding ding
The President’s Fall Town Hall Meeting is this morning in Baker Hall’s Doe Commons, 9-10:30 a.m.

FRIDAY 19
America’s treasured political debate which is always there even when other things are in the public eye
Two Rice alumni, Stephen Fell and Will Thompson, went deep into the continuing debates on abortion in the United States. The result, “Unborn in the USA: Inside the War on Abortion.” The Rice Media Center will be showing the film tonight, tomorrow and Sunday at 8 p.m. Student and staff tickets are $5, general admission $6.

SATURDAY 20
Bring your mom.
Baker Blues is tonight. Don’t be afraid to show your folks the lighter side of Rice while they’re here. I’m sure they’d be happy to know that you don’t spend all of your time toiling. All work and no play does make you a dull boy/girl. Be classy for mom and dad, for just four hours: 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

SUNDAY 21
Dirty dirty.
The Houston Roller Derby finals are tonight! The 2006 defending champs, the Psych Ward Sirens, will face off the Bayou City Bosses in what is sure to be a fantastic contest of whatever. 6 p.m. in the Verizon Wireless Theater (right by the Angelika). Tickets are $10. For more info, go to Houstonrollerderby.com.

MONDAY 22
Two bits
RPC Barbershop begins at 10 a.m.

THURSDAY 25
O Boy O Books!
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