Vote smashes NSA

Senate praises new exam system

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The Senate approved the results of the all-school referendum held Monday on membership in the National Student Association at its regular meeting Tuesday evening.

The resolution to join NSA failed by an overwhelming 69% of those voting. Of 574 students voting, 397 were against and 154 were in favor of joining.

The Honor Council reported no breach of the honor system under the new exam system. The Senate recommended that the Faculty extend the system to a permanent basis, as well as offering some minor suggestions for revision.

Proposed Policy Change

The Senate will submit a proposal to the Registrar concerning the policy on changing course registration after the beginning of classes. The Senate proposed that no fine be charged for any changes made during the first week of classes; the standard $10 fine would apply for changes made during the second week, and no changes would be allowed after two weeks.

S. A. President Jerry Hafter suggested that the Senate request that the University establish a fund to support student delegations to conventions. He claimed that beyond the value to the students who attend, their presence at the more important and distant conventions would be good exposure and publicity for Rice. A plan will be presented to the Senate at next week’s meeting on the subject.

Artist’s Conception

An artist’s conception of the Rice Owl Cage and location was presented to the Senate for approval. Questions were raised as to the architectural design of the cage (vaguely neo-mediterrenean, early park facility renaissance), and the environmental requirements of owls.

The proposed site of the cage is in the men’s colleges quadrangle, the reasons being that this would make it relatively Aggie-proof because of protection on all four sides by Rice men, and would also provide a social center of interest for Rice men and women to meet and mingle. The Senate approved the site.

The approval of the Trustees for the location is needed. Construction will begin when this approval is given. Approximately $250 has been collected, but more is needed. David Cohen is in charge of the project.

The new Parking Appeals Board will be maintained on a permanent basis, after the successful work they have done this year. The board is currently making recommendations to Dean Paul Pfeiffer on the basis of the tickets that have been reviewed by the Board.