Elections begin online at noon  

by Jenny Rees  

The theme, "A Masquerade Ball," a feeling that students would prefer the location decision on several factors was determined last week.

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One place in Texas where your vote does count

Student Association General Elections begin today at noon and end Wednesday, and every undergraduate should go to sa.rice.edu and vote.

It's easier than ever to be informed on campus these days, and we're not just patting ourselves on the back for bringing you the news. The SA presidential debate, held Monday, was broadcast on RBT for those students who didn't want to brave the cold to get over to the Student Center (See Story, Page 1).

The SA president is the one student that will represent the entire undergraduate population for a year, so it's important that you get to know the candidates and make an informed decision.

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Other positions contested in the election include SA internal and external presidential, treasurer and secretary, and leadership positions in other blanket-tax organizations like RSVP and the Thresher (See Blurs, Pages 5-6).

There's also a small but important referendum to increase the Honor Council's blanket tax to $2 from $1 (See Story, Page 1), the first increase in the history of the organization. Given that the $1 the council got from each undergraduate in 1916 is worth $16.56 today, we think the request is quite modest.

So vote "yes" for the increase to allow the Honor Council to stay in the black while upholding the Honor System at Rice.

Learning from previous mistakes

Last week at the Rice Program Council's Feb. 5 meeting, the formals committee reported that the venue possibilities for Rondelet included Rice's very own Autry Court.

RPC members also discussed holding the event at the Radisson (the eventual selection — See Story, Page 1), the Children's Museum or in tents. Yes — tents.

At this same meeting, members tossed around the theme for the spring formal would be "A Masquerade Ball."

Themes are fun and can attract ticket-buyers, but what good is a theme if you have no place to decorate?

To the editor:

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PhD candidate and graduate student

Rice University

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To the editor:

Given what has happened in recent months regarding the collapse of Enron from its shady dealings, it seems ironic that Mr. Ken Lay's concerted efforts to sell the U.S. government, and subsequently the American people, the lie that the company was actually decent. That's nothing but distasteful for Rice's students and alumni.

Given the contribution seeking of corporate black money, accumulated from the work of those betrayed by Enron's leadership.

In reading the Feb. 1 announcement of a $500 annual subsidy for students (See DONATION, Page 4), I was extremely disappointed to learn that Rice has decided to wield its power. If not eagerly, accept Lay's personal contribution of $3 million to the university for the creation of the "Ken Lay Center for the Study of Markets in Transition."

How can those at Rice's top so nonchalantly turn a blind eye to not only business ethics (which I hope to teach), but also human ethics, all for the sum of $3 million? It is an embarassing shameless act of want.

If Rice wants to take the high road on this issue, and I admit I am skeptical that it does, the school should only accept the donation under the precondition that it be used toward such ends as providing insurance aid to students at Rice and alumni or to Rice staff, or to an institution that epitomizes their sorrow and anguish with an institution named in his honor.

This is blatantly preposterous and a slap in the face to those at the short end of the stick. We should be up in arms because of this "selling out of Rice" at their expense.

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As I already mentioned, I am not optimistic that the powers that be will heed this call — Rice may be too big to give up its nest egg to corpora- tions as at the banquet table. Please prove me wrong. In the battle between principle and the "Ken Lay Center for the Study of Markets in Transition," there should be no winners. Rice recipients of Lay's money who are also working to prevent the kind of behavior that led to the destruction of Enron. Rice should be up in arms, not 50 yards from Career Services and the absent officials, the university is choosing to herald the person that epitomizes their sorrow and anguish with an institution named in his honor. (See Story, Page 1), the first increase in the history of the Student Association.

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Johnny So (Will Rice '01) is a professional technology student at BP in Houston.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Insurace subsidy inadequate aid

I am pleased that the university has acknowledged the burden that the cost of health insurance places on graduate students. The recent announcement of a $500 annual subsidy for graduate student insurance premiums for doctoral students is certainly welcome news.

However, I do not believe this flat subsidy goes far enough to help graduate students with health care costs. Unlike the Thresher's numbers, the individual plans for the 2001-'02 school year cost either $645 or $996 per year, according to the Student Health Insurance Web site.

These costs typically rise annually. Therefore, Rice will now pay up to 60 percent of an individual graduate student's health insurance premium. In the Sept. 28 issue of the Chronicle of Higher Education, the magazine surveyed graduate programs on stipends and benefits for graduate student employees. Of the 45 universities that responded, 33 paid 50 percent or more of graduate student health insurance premiums. Eleven paid 50 percent or more of the premium for spouses and dependents.

In light of this data, the new subsidy does not compare favorably to other institutions or to Rice staff, who receive about a 75 percent premium subsidy. I believe the university should pay a set percentage — at least 75 percent — for all graduate student health care premiums. They should offer some subsidy toward the premium for adding a spouse or dependent.

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Antidrug advertisers misjudge tax money

On Super Bowl Sunday, viewers of the ignorable sporting event between the Baltimore Ravens and the Denver Broncos were served one of the most expensive advertising campaigns in history. Ads included a popular college campus, one such as purchased by the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

The commercials, designed to increase the purchase of illegal drugs, were targeted at college students—mainly White and Hispanic, supposedly higher than Jerry Garcia to the commercial's creators.

Preposterous as they might have been, the ads were anything but ambiguous. With President Bush's dictum "You're either with us or against us" still ringing in our ears, the implication was clear: Drug users are no longer just criminals, they now are terrorists as well.

Garret Merriam

You'd have to be higher than Jerry Garcia to believe them.

Moreover, the government's policies have been under fire for years. Recent studies point to the futility of such an effort, and it is often to be seen as a waste of time and resources. In the wake of the 9/11 attacks, drug use has skyrocketed, and the cost to society is staggering.

Garret Merriam is a graduate student in business administration.

In a time of amazing prosperity, women got screwed over more than they had previously.

What should be shocking is this: In seven of these 10 industries, the pay difference widened between 1990 and 1999. For example, a female communications manager would have a salary equal to 86 percent of the salary of her male counterpart in 1990. By 2000, her salary would be only 73 percent of his.

This is outrageous and unacceptable. While the study did not take into account factors such as age, race, or education, the results are still alarming. Women are not being paid what they deserve.

Students choose to live off campus now more than ever. Regardless of this option, if you are still a student and want to be on campus without paying rent, you can learn more about the possible connections between drug use and terrorism at www.nasa.gov/terror

Catherine Adcock is an opinion editor and a Senior Writing Fellow.

Screeaning from a soapbox

Don't forget about students outside the hedges

My first year at Rice was one of my favorite years. I made friends, learned a lot, and got to know a lot of the college's students, faculty, and staff.

The next time someone tries to tell you that the Rice campus is the center of the universe, you should remind them that there are students living off campus as well.

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Jan. 24 demonstrated that, for the most part, the campus is thriving. The student body has increased in recent years, and the campus has become a more diverse and vibrant place.

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DONATION, from Page 2

Insults of swimmers unqualified

To the editor:

Robert Kilker's qualifications to comment on the swim program at Rice, I am quite sure, based on my experience as a faculty member, that he is unqualified to judge the recently dismissed senior swimmers' "Dominator of swimmers justifiably defeated." (February 8)

These students are certainly not irresponsible, neglectful or lacking in "leadership." Kilker's insults are solely off the mark, offensive not only to the swimmers themselves but to those who know them.

Kevin Cassidy
Non-sophomore

Mellan Undergraduate Fellows Program

The Mellon Undergraduate Fellows Program at Rice University is currently accepting applications from students interested in participating in a mentored program that prepares them for Ph.D. programs in selected disciplines after they graduate from Rice University. Eligible fields are Humanities, Anthropology, Mathematics, Mathematical Sciences, Statistics, Physics, Geology, Ecology, and Earth Sciences.

Applicants should normally complete 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 commitment to building bridges in multicultural settings, and interest in pursuing graduate education. Students who participate in the program receive a yearly stipend of $1,600, 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 year. Finalists will be interviewed. Announcements will be made in March.

Application forms and additional information about the program can be obtained online at http://dacdev.rice.edu/depts/outreach/mellon/ or from Dr. Roland B. Smith, Jr., Associate Provost, Room 315A, Lovett Hall.

Application deadline is FEBRUARY 22, 2002

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gonzalez needs to back up stereotypes

To the editor:

In her Feb. 8 opinion column "Affluent overachievers' student 'bet- ter train,'" Alessandra Gonzalez writes that Rice students are apathetic, irresponsible, powerless and complacent. I know this is a popular Rice stereotype, but I wish Gonzalez could provide us with more concrete examples of the problem she describes.

I'm surprised that Gonzalez would so quickly use the recently dismissed senior swimmers' "Dominator of swimmers justifiably defeated." (February 8)

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Third Legion English lecturer

crissy Davis
Rice student

Stress and its effect on students

To the editor:

Kevin Cassidy's (Sid '82) year and college have led me to the opposite conclusion. I picked up a copy of that week's Thresher and was shocked to see the opinion section. How could all of us be so busy that we don't have time to take a second to think about the problems and issues that we are facing?

I. Abnormal

Erosions. In the Feb. 8, 2002, Thresher's "Sid junior" and college were misprinted. The Thresher regrets the error.
SA PRESIDENT
Matt Haynie

What to know?
I'm a junior at Will Rice. I've served as:
• SA Executive Chair
• Co-Chair of the Student Life Committee
• Student Senator for the Rice Center for Leadership

What are my goals?
• Increase SA-DC interaction with college members.
• Develop the SA Web Page as a discussion forum.
• Increase efficiency at SA meetings so they're actually worth attending.

On a broader scale, I want to:
• Reform the Facebook system.
• Evaluate the current job structure.
• Discuss what worked and what didn't this year.
• Ensure cuts in the SA budget.
• Work towards physical equality among the colleges, which is crucial in maintaining the college experience.

Most importantly, I want to hear your ideas and opinions. The SA can only be effective if it connects with the student body. Vote Matt Haynie and your voice will be heard.

Andy Weber

A year ago, I viewed the SA as an ineffective group who complained about campus issues, but did nothing. However, this past year, as part of the Senate, I have been an active participant in the Student Association's capacity to solve campus problems and effect change.

As your President, I will work to integrate campus issues. I pledge to regularly attend town meetings of our four residential colleges and work with those colleges and groups to celebrate our diversity and achieve mutual understanding.

Also, I believe that students deserve action on the new Rice Center for Leadership, a center that will provide better facilities for Student Organizations and all Student-Athletes. I will demand accountability from Housing and Dining, ensuring that their changes will benefit all students, at all colleges.

However, I'm most excited about ideas. My experiences as Vice President and Co-Founder of SA-CSA, Co-Founder of DOORS, SA-in-Char of the Rice buck, Rice's Mock Trial Team, and SA Internal Vice President of Richards's SA Senate, have shown the value of effective leadership and collaborative efforts.

While handling the needs of kids in our center, ideas and skills, and will work tirelessly to implement them. I will have an open door policy, and will be your #1 advocate when working with the Administration and our friends (yes, the hedgehogs).

The Student Association is not about the Senate that meets every Monday night. It is about all 2,700 undergraduate students. Together, with your support, we can accomplish great things in the coming year.

What I will do for you:
• Give new students more opportunities, and address to student concerns.
• VolunteerSA members, especially with fall play after Oct.
• Mobilize committee leaders and help them submit evaluation reports to keep them accountable to their goals.
• Increase opportunities for Campus Wide events like outdoor movie show tonight.
• Push for Rice имени to beautify our campus, specifically in college quads.

Clare Johnson

Here are the basic things you need to know before you cast your vote this week:
• Max is Clare Johnson, and he's from back from the Internal VP.
• The Internal VP is in charge of a number of the Student Life Committee.
• Also, the Internal VP can organize projects based on her ideas and interests.
• I've been involved with the Student Association this year, serving as a Freshman Rep for SA. I'm very familiar with the way the SA works. I'm also part of the Freshman Council, which recently created and sold the Class of 2005 t-shirts.
• The issues that I am interested in include: backing back the OC escort service, creating LAF partnerships, integrating Market into the college system (the first Market, O-Rock), updating Aries/athletic facilities, and helping students find more awareness of what goes on in the SA.

Thanks for taking the time to read this, and I hope to get your vote!

SA SECRETARY
Parisa Azamian

Hey everyone! I'm Parisa Azamian, a Freshman at Hanszen College. I'd absolutely love to be your SA Secretary next year. You probably want some reasons to pick me for this position, right? Well, when I first got to Rice, I knew I wanted to be a part of the SA because I saw a group of motivated people who aimed to create a positive atmosphere for the undergraduate student body. I am currently a New Student Representative for the SA as well as the Secretary of the Class of 2005 Council, and these responsibilities have given me insight to what goes on in the SA front. I have really enjoyed being part of this organization because the decisions we make can alter the students' experiences at Rice in a positive way.

In addition to my SA responsibilities, I am a Big Red CU and a member of Rice Dance Theatre. Not to mention, I have some wicked typing skills! I'm also a member of the Vitruvian Mosquitoes at Welsey College. a great group who always proceeds to do a local charity act, which is a great way to give back.

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Alan Pham

"Say, you tried your best, and you failed. The lesson is...never try." — Homer Simpson

Thankfully, I’ve always been a bit of a stubborn to listen to advice like this. Failure has never been an option for me, only...yet my path. I have always pushed myself to my limits, and beyond. Being your Student Association External Vice President is just another step in that direction. I am definitely a people person, the kind of guy who will talk to anyone and how who can whiteness to be a better student leader. In truth, I thrive on stress, which is sure the current EVP is no stranger to. So, when it comes time for all of you to vote for next year's Student Association officers, remember the choice is simple. Vote Alan Pham for Student Association External Vice President. I have the experience, the ambition, and the necessary quality of being a hard ass when it comes to making decisions. To be a president, I will do my job, and I will do it well. And, regardless of my title or position in the SA, I will continue to be an active member in student government, doing what I can to make Rice a better place for all of us.

SA TREASURER
Narayan Mulukutla

My name is Narayan Mulukutla, and I am running for treasurer of the Student Association. A treasurer needs to be reliable and experienced, and I’m your best bet. As the Student Representative to the SA, I have developed incredible business skills that can benefit the Student Association. In office, I will work on an idea of having a campus wide outdoor movie night right to bring students together and on other ways to support students. Together, in the Rice community, we can make Rice a better place for all of us.

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service through these organizations keeps me aware of what is going on not only at the community and enrich not only their lives, but the lives of others as well. As your RSVP External VICE-CHAIR, I would do my absolute best to serve RSVP and help by helping to maintain the organization's mission, high integrity, and generous spirit to the best of my abilities.

ERIKA ACHESON

RSVP TREASURER

Erika Acheson was an oh-so-successful RSVP college representative this year, and did an outstanding job hanging up flyers and getting students out to volunteer. She hopes, however, to pass on the wonderful job of flyer-pasting next year, and serve you as RSVP Treasurer. She would definitely do a stellar job of handling RSVP's money, and her excellent skills are just unbelievable. Vote for Erika for 2001-2002 RSVP Treasurer.

CHRISTINA TRAN

One of the best things I feel that Rice students have to offer is their passion, and RSVP is an organization that gives students the opportunity to channel that passion. Being an officer of RSVP would give me the chance to help get other students involved in the community, both at Rice and around Houston. One thing that I feel is most important is the power of volunteering and less on getting people to volunteer — students will take initiative if they see something they are interested in or something new to them and for someone a random act of kindness. "Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that has." — Margaret Mead

Hi there! I'm Ethan Varela, a sophomore at Baker College and I'm running for the position of RSVP EXTERNAL VICE-CHAIR. I am running for this office because I greatly enjoy both being a part of RSVP and participating in the organization's prominent mission of aiding the local and extended community through caring and service. I have been an active member of RSVP and have worked hard to try to stretch out the hand of RSVP not only my college, but to all who are interested. Serving as an officer of College Representative and the Academician Committee, I have learned and made mistakes for the betterment of the organization. In order to ensure that I can produce a well-written, accurate, and interesting paper, I will start my job as soon as the election results come in, training the new staff and colleges.

THRESHOLER EDITOR IN CHIEF

Catherine Adcock

Hey Rice! I'm a Martian Junior (formerly SIb) and I think I could do some good as a Thresher editor in chief. Vote for Catherine Adcock for Thresher editor in chief.

Experience: Opinion Editor and Writer. Here, I learned the in-and-outs of not just the opinion section, but also the entire Thresher.

Team-work: Prior to this year, I will hire two senior editors to complement my experience and assist me with the duties of editor in chief. I am crazy enough to do this alone.

RACHEL RUSIN

What makes a newspaper? That's right, the news...and that exactly what I am running for. As a member of the Academician Committee, I have grown and learned along with the newspaper. I am running for the position of Thresher's Managing Editor, so I hope to bring new ideas and help bring this newspaper back to its glory days. As Managing Editor, I would be responsible for the ideas and content of the paper. I plan to make the Thresher a more interactive and enjoyable publication for all the students. As Managing Editor I would work hard to ensure that every section is equally important and that every idea is heard.

CAMPANILE EDITOR

Phyllis Huang and Lancee Bush

We are two students in our junior year at Rice University, Phyllis Huang in the Economics Department and Lancee Bush in the Political Science Department. In our four years at Rice, we have been involved in various campus organizations and activities, which have allowed us to gain valuable experience in leadership and communication skills.

In the past, we have been involved in the campus organization and have been active in student government. We have also been involved in the Rice University Daily and have gained experience in journalism and media.

We are running for the position of Campanile editor, which we believe is an important role in the student body. As editors, we would work closely with the faculty and staff to ensure that the Campanile is a quality publication that is relevant and engaging to all students.

At Rice University, we believe that the best way to serve the student body is through leadership and collaboration. We are committed to working with others to create a positive and inclusive environment for all students.

In conclusion, we believe that we are the best candidates for the position of Campanile editor. We are dedicated, hardworking, and experienced, and we are committed to serving the student body. We would appreciate your vote and the opportunity to represent the student body as editors of the Campanile.

KTRU STATION MANAGER

Amie Knieper

In KTRU I believe that "that station that plays weird music." It's not always easy to listen to some of what KTRU plays, but rest assured there's a little something for everyone's tastes — modern classical, experimental and fusion, electronic, world music, hip-hop, jazz, ambient, and much more. We are constantly looking for new music to add to our playlist and we work hard to make KTRU sound like no other station at Rice.

The station has a unique atmosphere and we try to reflect that in our shows. We want to make sure that our listeners feel comfortable and at home while listening to KTRU.

As a member of the Station Manager team, I believe that we are working towards making KTRU the best station possible. We are constantly striving to improve our programming and ensure that our listeners are satisfied with the shows we offer.

Thank you for considering our team for the position of KTRU Station Manager. We believe that we are the best candidates for the job, and we look forward to serving you as KTRU Station Manager.

Hi everybody! My name is Serena Rodriguez and I'm a sophomore at Lovett College. I've always been active in college life at the "W" and am very familiar with the student body and the Houston area and I would like to see this continue as a valuable contribution to the campus community. I have the experience and knowledge that I am dedicated, organized, and hard-working enough to get the job done. So please vote Serena Rodriguez for RSVP Secretary.
RBT STATION MANAGER
Richard Adams

This year has been a very exciting year for RBT. Less than one year ago RBT was created with a computer and video camera, now RBT has the ability to do live productions from anywhere in the RMC. RBT is one of the only college television stations in the country to offer video-on-demand (VOD) service. Just recently, RBT started a pilot program to show feature films. I plan to continue improvements that will increase the quality of student production and provide professional video technology services and services to the undergraduate community.

RBT PROGRAM DIRECTOR
Michael Scott Ellis

HONOR COUNCIL SENIOR REP. (choose 3)

Anna Ahrens

My name is Anna Ahrens and I am running for Senior Class Honor Rep. I served the council as a freshman this past year, and want to be a more active role in the next year.

Joan Elizabeth Shreffler

As a senior class representative for the Internal Vice-Chair of the Honor Council, my experience is what makes me the most qualified to serve you as Senior Class Honor Rep. I have taken classes in Business Law, Finance, and Business Management.

Candice Hance

As a current junior class representative and Internal Vice-Chair of the Honor Council, my experience is what makes me most qualified to serve you as Senior Class Honor Rep. I have taken classes in Business Law, Finance, and Business Management.

HONOR COUNCIL JUNIOR REP. (choose 3)

Joshua Barron

I have enjoyed the privilege of serving the student body on honor council this past year. I hope that I will be given the opportunity to continue in serve for the 2002-2003 school year.

Ryan Bergauer

Experience is really good thing. As a member of the council for two years, I've not only seen the ways the procedures work, but the ways in which they could be improved. With that in mind, this year I was an active part of the Blue Book revisions committee geared toward making our processes more efficient. I also served as the council's treasurer, being mostly responsible for making sure all information was correct on the website. I look forward to using my experience to serve you better in the upcoming year.

Keith Henneke

After two years associated with the council, Keith has seen the issues from both sides, first as an ombudsman and second as a student representative. Consequently, he is uniquely qualified to continue his role on the council. Fully dedicated to maintaining the high level of orientation for undergraduates, Keith also strives to ensure complete orientation of all graduate students, as well as new professors. In the past, Keith has been involved in peer mediation and has worked hard to maintain the atmosphere of trust and respect between students and faculty, as well as ensuring a level playing field for everyone at Rice. Keith would be honored to continue to represent you and help keep the Rice Honor System at the level respected by universities around the nation.

Jason Longoria

As an Honors Council member this past year, I have learned a lot about how the Honor System works, and I've begun to understand what it means to be a member of the system that we serve now. While procedures are important in enforcing the Honor Code, it is most important to keep in mind the philosophy that lies behind it: integrity in academics is what makes Rice a respectable university, and I am proud to serve.

Sharon Singer

Lucas Oman

HONOR COUNCIL SOPHOMORE REP. (choose 3)

Elspeth Simpson

I'm Elspeth Simpson, a freshman at West College. I served as a freshman representative to the Rice Honor Council and understand how it functions. I really enjoy working with the council. I've served on hearings, trials, and on the IRT. I've been involved with revising the council bylaws to update Honor Council procedures. If re-elected, I'll continue to work on both the Honor System and other projects. I would be honored to serve you as a Sophomore Representative.

Uchenna Agbim

Daniel Brickman

U-Court has run very smoothly over the past year and I would like to see that smoothness continue. I have two years experience in U-Court and feel very strongly that there are very important issues at stake - integrity and academic honesty. I would appreciate your vote.

GENERAL ELECTIONS 2002

Names appear in alphabetical order. They were provided by the Student Association secretary. Bluffs appear without photos for candidates who submitted a bluff but did not have the photo taken. The names of candidates who did not submit blurbs but did have a photo taken are accompanied by a photo only. The names of candidates who neither submitted a bluff nor had a photo taken appear alone. Blurbs were edited for formatting purposes only. Except for minor style changes, blurbs appear exactly as submitted.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2001
UNIVERSITY COURT JUNIOR REP. (choose 2)

Chase Danford

Julia Pergola

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL REP. (choose 2)

Tommy Belanger

Substitutions. My name is Cara Eng, and I'm a freshman at Baker. I am running for the position of Undergraduate Rep for University Council because first of all, I love Rice. Students make Rice. Therefore, this passion leads me to care very deeply about the undergraduate population and its opinions. Often times, I hear complaints about how administration will not listen to the undergrads, and I feel that as an undergraduate rep, I can rectify the situation. Currently, I am a New Student Rep for Baker and I am active in Baker activities from cabinet to the association committee. I would be very honored to represent the undergraduates on the University Council.

GENERAL ELECTIONS REFERENDA

The following referenda will be placed on the ballot to be voted on during the General Elections Feb. 15-20.

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Masters won't switch houses

by John Koch

The decision to switch Hanszen and Wiess Houses was made by the college administration in order to improve the quality of life for the students who live there. However, the decision to switch has been met with resistance from the Hanszen House masters, who feel that the new Wiess House will be too far away for them to be effective in their roles.

Members of Wiess and Hanszen both have concerns about the opening change in houses. Wiess President Amy Schindler said, "While we prefer a new house, the option we have now is far better than having our masters live off campus." Members of Hanszen agree, and many students have said they would prefer the creation of a new Wiess House in order to protect the relationship between master and college in the college system. This issue has been one of the biggest points of contention between student leadership and administration.

There have been no substantial plans to tear down old Wiess College in the near future. However, many students believe that the residential space will be torn down and the commons will be kept. Wiess Master Katherine Donato said, "There have been no substantive plans to tear down old Wiess College in the near future." Hanszen House masters have circulated that the residential space will be torn down and the commons will be kept.

Director of Project Management Barbara White said a decision on the future of Wiess would be made in the next month. While the switch in houses will bring the Hanszen masters closer to new Wiess, it will push the Hanszen masters further away from some Hanszenites. "The distance between the new masters' house and Hanszen, you have the fact that the new house will be adjacent to the college," Hanszen President Erik Vanderlip said. "I think the new house will be what students make it of. It will feel far for people rarely ever have a reason to go out there, but closer if the new masters foster an interactive environment with the students.

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Jones accounting prof speaks at Enron hearings

by Mark Brezen

Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Management Professor Bala Dharan did last week what some former Enron executives have refused to do — testify before Congress.

Dharan, a professor of accounting, testified Feb. 6 before the full House Energy and Commerce Committee on its opening day of hearings on Enron's collapse.

Dharan said he focused on accounting issues faced by Enron and lessons that could be learned to prevent similar collapses in the future, which he viewed as the main goal of the committee's hearings.

"Hearings are a very expensive process — all 54 members of the committee were present — so given that investment, they wanted to have some outcome in terms of new ideas in regulatory changes or anything from a lawmaker's perspective that can be done," Dharan said.

Dharan said he was given 10 minutes for oral testimony, as were each of the six other panelists testifying before the committee.

The other panelists included an investment banker and the head of an energy firm. The testimony was followed by over two hours of questioning for the panel.

Dharan also prepared 17 pages of written testimony in which he focused on accounting issues such as Enron's use of mark-to-market accounting and special purpose entities. He also made recommendations about regulatory changes and improvements.

Dharan said he was contacted Jan. 30 by the chief council of the committee, who asked him to come to Washington, D.C., to testify.

"I was hardly free on the day that they were going to start the hearings and so I said, 'Sure,'" Dharan said.

Dharan said he enjoyed the experience, though it was somewhat intimidating at first.

"Going into this huge caucus room, a real experience with literally hundreds of people and 50 congressmen sitting at the front," Dharan said. "But after a few minutes (the congressmen) made sure that I wasn't let to feel at ease.

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Get The Door. It's Domino's.
Latvian president discusses global integration and security

by Skye Schell

Latvian President Vaira Vike-Freiberga said all countries must engage in alliances to ensure their safety on speech at Baker Hall Feb. 7.

"It is no longer possible for any single country to be self-sufficient in ensuring its security," Vike-Freiberga said.

Vike-Freiberga discussed international security, terrorism and transatlantic partnerships in her speech sponsored by the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy, entitled "The Euro-Atlantic Community: Global Challenges and Future Prospects." She stressed Latvia's desire to join NATO and the European Union, both for security and economic stability.

"The sheltering terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 to the World Trade Center and the Pentagon have now put the transatlantic partnership in a new perspective," she said.

The new style of warfare -- massive and international terrorism -- poses a threat that can only be neutralized through transatlantic partnerships such as NATO, she continued.

"Since September the 11th, North America and Europe have come closer together," she said, adding that this alliance could extend to friendly nations in Asia, Africa and the rest of the world.

"One cloud in this alliance would be thwarting and punishing terrorism," the president said. "Those who use violent means to subvert the values of civilization must be apprehended and brought to justice, wherever in the world they may be.

She continued by echoing the concerns of other American and European leaders.

"Poverty and deprivation also provide fertile ground for the anger and bitterness that drive radical movements to violent actions," she said.

To fix this situation, she said, the international community must work diligently to combat poverty, environmental pollution and the spread of endemic diseases such as AIDS.

Vike-Freiberga also discussed Latvia's position as a candidate for acceptance into the EU and NATO -- an unthinkible position during Latvia's long occupation by the Soviet Union, which lasted until 1991.

"For Latvia, full membership in these two international organizations will signal its return to the peaceful, secure and stable community of prosperous European nations from which it was forcibly wrenched over six decades ago," she said.

"Along the road to formal acceptance into the European community, Vike-Freiberga said, Latvia has taken a number of unilateral measures and actions in the areas of security, anticorruption laws and humanitarian aid.

"Latvia does not intend to rest on its laurels," she said. "We have contributed to humanitarian relief efforts in Afghanistan and shall continue to contribute to U.N. and NATO operations in a meaningful manner long after we are admitted as full members to the NATO alliance.

"The fight against terrorism, which is likely to stretch well into the future, has shown that we are all seeking to protect the same things: democracy and freedom," Vike-Freiberga said, concluding her speech.

A member of the audience asked Vike-Freiberga about her vision for Latvia and whether she foresees any obstacles that could hinder its growth in mainland Europe. A financial crisis could seriously damage Latvia's economy, she said, adding that the country is still recovering from damage incurred in its 1998 crisis.

She said her goals include raising the standard of living for the old and continuing to develop the economy, and she said a high growth rate could make those goals realistic.

Brown College freshman Shawn Leventhal agreed, and also commented on the possibility of greater understanding on the part of the audience.

"I think the speech was relevant to students," he said. "It would be a great benefit if the students were able to have higher knowledge, or a more operational way to follow up on it."

Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation Scholarships

It is expected that the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation will award two scholarships at Rice in the "Beckman Scholars Program" for the 2002/2003 academic year. The Beckman Scholars at Rice must be majoring in Biochemistry, Biology or Chemistry.

Each Beckman Scholar is expected to spend two full summers and up to 10 hours per week in the intervening academic year doing research with one of our faculty. Recipients will receive a scholarship of $5500 for each summer and $3600 for the academic year. Each Beckman Scholar also receives an additional allowance of $750 each summer and $1500 for the academic year to cover the costs of materials and supplies and travel to scientific meetings.

The academic year part of the Beckman Scholars Program will be incorporated into the existing Rice Undergraduate Scholars Program (RUSP), which carries academic credit as HONS 470/471.

Students entering their junior or senior year next fall are invited to apply for the Beckman Scholars Program by submitting an application to the RUSP program. Copies of this application should be available in any departmental office or from the web site for HONS 470/471 (http://www.ownet.rice.edu/~hons470/) or by contacting James L. Kinsey at 713-345-4937.

The deadline for applications for the Beckman Scholarship and RUSP is April 5, 2002.

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Security to increase at Beer-Bike

by Kevin Graham

Large trucks will be used in this year’s Beer-Bike parade, replacing the inflated trailers and smaller trucks used last year.

“Schwend said, "We are going back to the cattle cars." Baker College senior Laura Schwent, one of the campus-wide Beer-Bike coordinators, said.

"There won't be a major safety increase or decrease last year and we really didn't think it was efficient for the amount of people that were on the same truck," Schwent said. A cattle car is a large truck with a flat bed. Cattle cars have been used in previous Beer-Bike parades to carry people from a college to the stadium while throwing water balloons at other colleges on the parade route.

Each college will be allowed to have two cattle cars and a decorative vehicle in the parade. "We are restructuring security to make it safer for all the students," Schwent said.

To prevent injuries that occurred in previous years, security will be heavy in areas where students are most likely to be injured, Schwent said.

Last year, Rice Emergency Medical Services treated 30 students for injuries during Beer-Bike, which included injuries sustained during the races.

"The placement of security is a big thing," Schwent said. "Where injuries occur — by the tines, between the cars — we are pumping up security.

Beer-Bike rules require the specific placement of security around the cattle cars. "There will be two security people in front of the first cattle car and one in the cattle cars, though we haven’t set it yet," Schwent said. "One of the ideas we are throwing around is if a college chooses to have as many rules of water balloons they can have more people on the cattle car."

Each driver on the parade route will also be required to have a rider in the passenger seat of the vehicle. Schwent said. "It's mandatory that each driver have a shotgun rider to watch out for people and to monitor the walkie-talkies," Schwent said.

A change in the pattern of this year's parade will also affect security. "There's probably going to be a start-stop pattern to the parade, where the vehicles move for a certain amount of time, then stop for a certain amount of time," Schwent said. "During the time when the vehicles are moving the security will be stronger to keep people from running between cars."

Schwent said the start-stop pattern would be synchronized by direction over the walkie-talkies.

"There will be four security people assigned to write fines, Schwent said.

Overall, each college is expected to provide 18 students to be security.

Baker College Beer-Bike Coordinator Michelle Landy said the added security would be worth the trouble it will take to find enough students to serve as security.

"I think that the additional security measures are necessary precautions that we as colleges should be prepared to take if we want to continue the traditional Beer-Bike parade," Landy said. "Rice students are going to be hard to find all of the additional security called for by the new plan, but we definitely want to keep everybody safe."

Only a set number of people will be allowed on a cattle car for security purposes.

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Presidential candidates state goals for office

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meetings at all colleges to stay informed of student opinion.

"It's not my goal that matter most, it is those of all 2,700 members of the Student Association," Weber said. "My biggest goal as president is to make all of these ideas realities through action."

Asked to detail a situation that the SA handled well or badly this year, Haynie spoke about the proposal to cancel classes next Sept. 11. The SA acted to cancel classes without support from the students, he said.

"It showed that the SA doesn't have enough mechanisms for collecting student feedback," Haynie said.

Weber said he approved of the SA's decision to place a resolution about the Honor Education Act reform on the fall elections ballot. He said the action showed a willingness to let the student body decide issues on which the senators couldn't reach an agreement.

"I asked how to bridge the gap between student athletes and the rest of the student body, the candidates agreed that getting student athletes more involved in the college system would help solve the problem. Haynie advocated changes in Orientation Week to allow athletes to participate more. Weber said students should reach out to athletes by attending sporting events, and athletes should market themselves to the rest of the student body.

"The candidates agreed the SA should strengthen its relationship with the Graduate Student Association. Haynie suggested assigning graduate students to colleges and holding a joint SA-GSA meeting at least once a year. Both candidates consider physical and financial equality among students to be a major issue. Haynie said continued inequality would severely threaten the college system by creating structural problems at Will Rice that have caused several closings in the past.

Weber said better food service and changes in the physical surroundings of the older colleges would help bring about equality.

Both candidates believe increased cooperation between the SA and the college governments would bring more students into contact with the SA, and both recommended giving SA seniors more responsibility for presenting the opinions of their college students to the SA.

Both candidates promised to make SA meetings more focused. Haynie said he would shorten the meetings to make them more appealing to students. Weber said he would concentrate on making them more productive.

"My SA meetings will be about what we need to accomplish, how to do it, and how it is progressing," Weber said.

Asked how effective they would be in communicating the students' will to the administration, Haynie and Weber both said they would be assertive while still regarding administrators as people.

Both candidates said their experience in the SA would make them competent leaders, while their involvement in other organizations would increase their awareness of the needs of all students.

Haynie has served on the SA Executive Committee for this school year as elections chair, an appointed position, though he resigned last March because of his upcoming candidacy.

"Weber has served as a senator to the SA since last March. In their closing statements, the candidates again emphasized their goals and visions for the SA. Haynie said he would work to increase interaction between the SA and the student body.

"I don't think the SA can function without students involved," Haynie said. "The students have to know what the SA is doing, and the SA can't do anything unless the students believe in it.

Weber said he wanted to motivate students to act on their ideas.

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"We're about action," Weber said. "It's about getting a few things done that can really change this place."

There has been talk during the SA meeting in Farnsworth Pavilion in the Student Center. Broadcast on campus on Rice Broadcast Television, it was attended by about 50 students. It was moderated by KTRU Station Manager Ben Home, RBT producer Jelle Tan, and Thresher Editors in Chief Leslie Liu and Robert Rice.

In addition to the SA officer elections and other races, the ballot included a proposed $1 increase in the Honor Council blanket tax. The addition would allow the Honor Council to remain financially independent of the administration, according to Honor Council Chair Aaron Martz, a Brown College senior. It would be the first increase in the Honor Council's blanket tax since its creation in 1916.

"The cost of O-Week alone, including Honor System publications and housing for council members, exceeds the current total budget of the Honor Council," Martz said. "Financial assistance by the administration has kept our proverbial heads above water in recent years, but that is obviously unsustainable, and we cannot expect money from those offices regularly."

If approved, the blanket tax increase will take effect in the next school year.

You are the sexiest link

Contestants for the game "The Sexiest Link" prepare to vote off a contestant during Sexual Responsibility Week. The game, sponsored by the College Assistance Peer Program and the Rice Counseling Center, tested contestants' knowledge about sex Wednesday night in Farnsworth Pavilion.

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In celebration of Jones College's switch to coed status in 1981, Brown College invited Jones women to an unforgettable night of male stripping entertainment.

In preparation for this DOE Party (the opposite of a stag party), a committee of Brown members scoured the city looking for the best male tailor-made show. The committee had found a strip per named Vito for the evening's entertainment, and his performance was met with such enthusiasm that the hostess was named Vito in his honor.

Brown went coed six years later, and mixed feelings from members of the Brown RA committee and the Brown Orientation Weekend committee described the party as Bacchanalia. The Brown Orientation Weekend book describes the party as "Brown's unique and diverse party which pays homage to both the honorable gentlemen and the fair ladies in the more than hilarious Animal House and the Brown god of wine, Bacchus."

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Sid decorated its 14 stories with this tribute to Aggieland in 1982.
Chemistry professor wins $100,000 prize

by Alison Griffith

Chemistry professor Andrew Barron received the 2001 Norman Hackerman Award in Chemical Research and a $100,000 prize Friday.

Barron is the inaugural recipient of the Hackerman Award, established in 2000 by the Welch Foundation, a private Houston-based organization that supports fundamental chemical research at Texas universities.

According to the foundation's Web site, the award is intended to "encourage and recognize young chemical scientists in Texas for their past research endeavors."

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The award is named after Norman Hackerman, who served as Rice University's chemistry department head from 1971 to 1985 after a three-year stint as president at the University of Texas.

"Dr. Barron has done very good work in the important area of materials that likely will be considered a leader in the field in the next 10 years," Hackerman told the Houston Chronicle. "He learned the field well in his early years so he's now able to think in a significant way."

Barron's research is aimed at understanding how chemical bonding controls the macroscopic properties of a system at the molecular level. Barron compared his research to driving in Houston: It is full of one-way streets and dead ends, and is constantly under construction.

"Scientific research is a journey where you don't know where the destination is, but getting there is half the fun," Barron said. "I've never stuck on one problem. My research interests have sort of flowed. The work I'm doing now is a culmination of years of projects."

Barron said the goal of his research is to "find a material, not make a material from it and investigate how to use that material. These free-form goals mean Barron's research is continuously evolving."

When he first found out about the award, Barron thought he was being asked to sit on the committee and was "shocked to find out he was the recipient."

Barron was nominated by the Chemistry Department and was chosen to receive the award by a committee based on many letters of recommendation. Barron does not take sole credit for winning the award. "It's not the scientist that wins the award—it's the research group," Barron said.

Barron found out about the award just before Christmas and said it is particularly special to him because he had "never stuck on one problem. My research interests have sort of flowed. The work I'm doing now is a culmination of years of projects."

Barron was a professor at Harvard University from 1987 to 1995 before coming to Rice.

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"It shouldn't be much of a problem because the venue is much closer," Durbin, a freshman aerospace engineering major, said.

While students thought we would miss about a half hour of time to ride to Rice from Space Center Houston, where Esperanza was held, the Radisson is only about five minutes away.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, many Rice students who drove to Esperanza had to drive to the Rice Bayou Center. Durbin said she hopes the location will cause those problems.

Poemen Mehta, co-chair of the RPC formals committee, further explained the choice of location.

"The Radisson is really big, it's got three really big rooms, and we wanted to have it somewhere closer and more traditional," Mehta, a Lorentz College sophomore, said.

There has been a trend in recent years, Durbin said, to hold formals at nontraditional venues and to have nontraditional themes. She cited last fall's formal at the Rice Stadium and last year's Rodnelet held at the Houston Children's Museum.

Durbin and Mehta agreed the majority of student input favored a more formal and traditional venue than the one this year's dance.

"We feel we are giving people what they want," Mehta said.

The largest Esperanza last semester was the highest in recent years, but Rodnelet usually has a lower turnout than Esperanza, Durbin said.

The turnout difference affects RPC's finances. "We usually make a little money on Esperanza and lose a little on Rodnelet," she said. "But between Esperanza and Rodnelet we usually break even."

Any deficit is covered by RPC, which is a student tax organization.

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This Sunday is the first week of Lent, come join the journey to Easter.
Vagina Monologues still impressive, informative

Natasha Alvandi
The Thresher Staff

I love my vagina. And it's all thanks to The Vagina Monologues. In high school, I was more than a little reluctant to see the production. The name scared me. What would I see? Big pink lips talking on stage about what it was like to be "down there?" What would the production do to me? Would I suddenly morph into a half-bathing woman who lives to castrate?

But when I walked through the giant vagina at the doorway of the Rice College Commons, my fears subsided. There it was - Larger than life. A vagina. Although, like many people will try to tell you otherwise, The Vagina Monologues is anything but bar-hopping. It's about celebrating the beauty of the female body, particularly the vagina, and its smell, its smell, even its hair. It's about embracing the magnificence that is womanhood, the love of every minute of it.

It's about completely breaking the bounds of "common decency" as women tell personal stories about things that would normally be embarrassing to an audience that would also be blushing setting.

The production, sponsored by all nine colleges, doesn't hide under the pretense of theater. Instead, each woman who reads a monologue brings cards with her on stage. This was at the request of the creator Eve Ensler (who interviewed over 200 women for research). The cards remind the audience and the performers that the monologues are in fact other women's stories, not just a played part. The cast also wears street clothes to preserve the realism.

The stage is beautifully designed and the atmosphere is complete, from the pink vagina entrance to the red and black couches completing the Scottish wild party. A coffee table covered in Cosmopolitan and Glamour magazines gives the stage a homey feel. Each monologue is amazing in its own way. Covering a variety of topics ranging from the vagina of a woman whose husband requires her to shave her pubic hair to that of a 72-year-old woman who just had her first orgasm, The Vagina Monologues is a diverse set of vignettes that incorporate the hush-hush topics of womanhood.

There are so many memorable moments it would be impossible to mention them all. Baker College freshman Elaine Attebury does an amazing job in "My Angry Vagina," where she speaks candidly about how the vagina doesn't appreciate the way society treats it: those cold clamps in the gynecologist. Another great cast moment is when the ensemble speaks for the vagina during sex, with a resounding "slow down!" Other memorable moments include Hanson College freshman Patricia Ansman's vocalization of the different orgasmic moans in "The Woman Who Loved to Make Vagina Happy," and the atrocities against women in Afghanistan in a touching performance of "Under the Burqa" by Natilee Harren.

Regardles of the length of the production, this is a show worth seeing. Whether or not you've seen it before or whether you actually have a vagina. You will leave loving them.

Frank (bioengineering graduate student Kurt Kasper, left), Beth (Hanson College freshman Natalie Harren) and Charley (Rice College freshman Brian Debbink) attend a performance of "Merrily We Roll Along."
Musetical tells of fall and rise

The major stumbling block of the production stems directly from the chronology. In order to move backwards, the other set seems as high. The other standout is most needed. The same thing led me to Happenstance, a new French movie starting the ever-watchable Audrey Tautou, whom America discovered in last year's art house hit Amélie. But although Tautou can do no wrong as an actress, she can't present an entire film from being a dis- appointment. The base theme of Happenstance is the web of insignificant actions, reactions and chance encounters that binds everyone together in a "six degrees of separation" sort of way. Happenstance does not turn out to be the case. The Others is not a complete bore, but one veg is gunned down in the same manner. The Others is most needed. The situation is not unlike the plot there are horoscopes, tarot cards and the physical embodiment of fate. Again, this is diametrically opposite to Amélie, where the title character - though like Amélie, is more than a simple romantic comedy. Then there's Richard (Eric Stover), a bored man who has to de- cide whether to stay with his wife or go after his love interest — though like Amélie, it's a far superior film. And it has a new French movie starring the ever-watchable Audrey Tautou, whom America discovered in last year's art house hit Amélie. But although Tautou can do no wrong as an actress, she can't present an entire film from being a dis- appointment.

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Beckford shatters Rice, WAC records

by Dylan Hedrick

As Olympic records fall in Salt Lake City, Rice's track and field team set a few records of its own this weekend. The men's team competed at the Iowa State Classic in Ames, Iowa, while the women's team traveled to New York City for the Armory Collegiate Invitational.

Both teams also had runners competing at the Southwest Indoor Classic here in Houston. The 108th ranked men's team continued its exceptional running, led by junior Allison Beckford, who set new Western Athletic Conference and Rice school records in the 400-meter dash with a time of 49.03 seconds. Her race time also automatically qualifies her for the NCAA Championships by almost a second.

Beckford's time beat the old WAC record of 49.09 seconds set in 1999 by the University of Texas at El Paso's Senior Gomang and the Rice record of 50.32 seconds set by Tanja Mcintosh in 1998. With her time, she now ranks second in the nation in the event. Last Tuesday, she was also named WAC Female Athlete of the Week for the second time this season.

"I felt good about my race," Beckford said. "I felt a personal record and just tried to do my best. It was a good experience."

In the same meet, Alume Tewoldee won her 200-meter dash with a time of 23.63 seconds, matching the qualifying time, Senior Keita Mosely ran a time of 45.55 seconds in the 400-meter hurdles, placing second. It was exciting," women's head coach Victor Lopez said. "Everyone is in great shape and they are competing like champions."

In the field events, junior Alice Falasih leaped 20 feet, 4 1/2 inches for a third place finish in the long jump.

The women's distance medley relay team of Mosely, Tewoldee, junior Tanaya Wright and senior Erin Bean finished in third place in 12:32.33, missing the NCAA automatic qualifying time by less than one second. The relay team's current time ranks fifth nationally. The mile relay team of Beckford, Tewoldee, Mosely and freshman Yvonne Wang has placed third in 3:57.23, again just short of the NCAA automatic qualifying time.

"In the relay, Yvonne had a strong first leg," Lopez said. "That's the key in indoor competition. Overall it was a great meet. We are running fast."

For the men, junior Ryan Morgan took the team with a fifth place finish in the 80-meter hurdles. Harlan posted a NCAA qualifying time of 7.88 seconds in the preliminary heats before notchting a 7.32 seconds time in the final.

"Ryan ran great," men's head coach Joe Warren said. "His preliminary time ranks him ninth in the nation."

Junior Victor Walwyn reached an NCAA provisional qualifying mark of 23.43 in the long jump, finishing second at the meet. Walwyn's jump set the top time in the Texas tech long jump in the WAC this season. Freshman Jason Powell jumped 254 for a 100-place finish.

"I still (personal best and qualified for nationals," Walwyn said. "As a whole, the team is strong and we have as much talent as they do."

"Ryan's a really solid player and he knows how to change his game really well." Lane said. "Tournaments are always a bit more nerve-wracking but we're ready to go."

The Owls continue to set lofty standards for themselves but almost dropped the team's first game. 7 against Baylor University. The Owls, ranked 9th in the nation, lost 3-1 to the Bears rally to tie the game 9-9, before the Owls were able to put together another run. The Owls were able to hold UH hitless for the final 4:30 p.m. today.

"Our goals are high and we expect to win," Lane said. "We want to go to nationals and regions."
The Lady Owls face crucial game in Hawaii

By Jason Gershman

While an excursion to Hawaii might sound like a pleasant trip, it's all business on Sunday as the Lady Owls take on the University of Hawaii in a game that has major implications for the Western Athletic Conference standings and possibly a NCAA tournament bid.

The Lady Owls entered last night's game at San Jose State University at 16-6 for the season and 10-3 in WAC play. For this year, it is just half a game behind Rice at 25-1 in WAC play.

Seventh-ranked Louisiana Tech University, 13-2 in WAC play, has all but clinched its first WAC regular-season title in its first year in the conference. The Lady Techsters are also the standout favorite to win the WAC tournament title and the accompanying automatic NCAA bid.

There's still hope, however, as most experts believe the WAC is worthy of placing two teams in the NCAA Tournament. Rice and Hawaii are battling for that second spot. As of Monday, Hawaii was 42nd in the nation in the Ratings Percentage Index, a computerized ranking of all NCAA Division 1 teams, and Rice was 54th.

Thankfully for Rice, however, computers are not the only factor the selection committee takes into account in the selection process. Rice has the edge as the Lady Owls have defeated four NCAA Division 1 teams, and Rice is ranked in the top category, Rice has the edge as the Lady Owls know beating Hawaii on its home court will be much tougher. Earlier this season, the Rainbow Wahine lost by just five points earlier this season to 12th-ranked Baylor University at home. "It's a tough road trip, but our goal is to win two road games this week," head coach Cristy McKinney said. "This is a run that will determine the seeding for the top half of the bracket in the WAC. We had trouble being consistent, but this team has really worked well in pressure and this is the week that we're going to put it on the line."

One newfound offensive weapon the Owls hope to use on Hawaii is the shooting of senior guard LaToya Brown. Brown had a career day last Saturday in Rice's, 75-20 win over Boise State University. She scored a career-high 38 points as she went a perfect seven-of-seven from the field, including four-of-four from behind the three-point arc.

While she was a career 30 percent three-point shooter heading into her senior season, Brown has been a picture of consistency this season, connecting on 17 of 31 attempts for 55 percent. At this pace, she will shatter the school record for three-point field goal percentage in a season of 47.2 percent.

"Being at home in this year be better shape and more confident," Brown said. "I've learned over the last three years not to shoot unless I'm open and I'm ready to shoot. I don't take shots when I'm not open."

Sophomore forward Elisa Hutton returned last Thursday from an ankle injury and scored 10 points in a 77-63 win over the University of Texas at El Paso. Hutton followed that up with a 16-point and eight-rebound effort against the Broncos.

While she has excelled in the deep post this season, Hutton had most of her damage against Boise State with 15-foot jumpers from the baseline.

"I'm just confident in that shot," Hutton said. "I don't always get a chance to shoot it but I like facing the basket. Sometimes I feel more confident than I do posting up with my back to the basket."

One other veteran showing her leadership in junior guard Kim Lawson. Lawson recorded seven assists and five steals while contributing just one turnover against Boise State. McKinney believes that her game is a work in progress and attitude can help inspire her teammates in this stretch run of the season.

"Kim's definitely doing a good job and she was fired up in the second half," McKinney said. "We lack depth. She's a freshman and she's really going to it and acting on it and we need a kid who can get everyone else acting on it as well."

The Lady Owls are hoping to repeat their success over the Rainbow Wahine earlier this season. Rice's defense smothered Hawaii in a 57-43 win at Autry Court Jan. 17, but the Lady Owls know defeating Hawaii on its home court will be much tougher.

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Jesus Christ died for the sins of one race.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

The focus is always on pitch- ing, but the entire staff can count on excellent run support from one of the nation’s most potent offenses.

"This team has just unbelievable offensive potential," Arnold said. "I’m excited about it."
Senior scrum-half C'arrett Washington (left) battles for possession during a game Saturday and played an important role in the Owls' comeback. The fullback returned to the try zone and Hasley scored again a few minutes later. The Owls took a 7-6 lead and set up four minutes from three field goals, all scored by freestyler Lopez. Rice's past 19 games, connected a win in the first round of the Western Athletic Conference tournament March 5 in Tulsa. Seeds seven through 10 compete in the first round, while the first six seeds receive byes to the quarterfinals. Rice currently stands seventh in the WAC at 4-6, with Fresno State University and the University of Nevada tied for fifth at 6-4.

WAC meet next for Owls

The men's distance medley relay team has the necessary elements to look to break are their losing streaks against their weekend opponents, Louisiana Tech University and Southern Methodist University. Rice has lost the last five meetings with both opponents, including a 76-49 loss to SMU Jan. 17 and a 73-43 loss to Louisiana Tech Jan. 19.

The Owls were in contention in both games — Rice trailed just 43-37 before pushing through with a 9-3 run over SMU and narrowed Louisiana Tech's lead to 43-39 with 3:35 remaining against both offensive teams.

"I think the difference is coming together within ourselves for the entire game," has said. "We have a tendency sometimes when we're winning, or we're down by a little bit and it's a really close game, if the other team makes a dunk or something, we get down on ourselves. I think last night didn't happen as much, and if we do get down, we can't lose our focus."

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Challenge Yourself:

Faith and Science compatible?
Monday: Dr. Michael Behe, “Science Stumbles on Design”
Author of: Darwin's Black Box: The Biochemical Challenge to Evolution

Am I unique or random?
Tuesday: “The Big Bang, Stephen Hawking, and God”
Dr. Henry Fritz Schaefer, Third-Most-Cited Chemist in the World

Why was Columbine wrong?
Wednesday: Dr. Eleonore Stump, “Faith and the Problem of Evil”

Is anything meaningful?
Thursday: “Atheism, Theism and the Meaning of Life”
Dr. J.P. Moreland, Author of Scaling the Secular City

Social justice...personal belief?
Friday: Dr. Ron Sider on American Wealth/Poverty

What makes things beautiful?
Saturday: Dr. William Edgar, “Heaven in A Nightclub”

The Veritas Forum
Starts Monday @ 7pm, RMC
www.ruf.rice.edu/~veritas
We support Rice athletics.
While Mardi Gras may be all party and fun, the men's and women's volleyball teams started the heavy spring tournament season with a bang. The women’s team won its first five matches before falling in the tournament semifinals to the University of Georgia, and the men also went undefeated in pool play Saturday before falling in the first round of the playoffs.

The women's team, Miss Red, defeated the University of Illinois, a team that advanced to nationals last year. 15-1 in its first game before getting past the University of Minnesota and a combined team from Louisiana State University and the University of Notre Dame by respective scores of 15-13 and 15-9.

"We played really well," senior Casey Roberts said. "It was our first time this year to face other college teams that we're going to compete against for nationals, and we pulled together really good. There were a lot of really long points that we won which were big turning points in the game.

Sunday, Rice defeated the Georgia Institute of Technology 15-9 before dropping a 1-0 decision to the University of Georgia, and the men advanced to nationals last week by beating Louisiana State University and the University of Minnesota and a combined team from the University of Georgia, and the men also went undefeated in pool play Saturday before falling in the first round of the playoffs.

RICE UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARS PROGRAM (RUSP) (HONS470/471)

RUSP is designed for juniors or seniors from any department who are considering graduate school and/or academic careers. Students who are accepted into the program undertake independent research projects mentored by a faculty member identified by the student. Research grants in the range $250-$1,700 per year are awarded to help pay the costs of RUSP projects. Many students attend a professional conference and present a paper.

During the first semester (3 credits), each student writes a funding proposal, prepares oral and written progress reports and begins work on the research project. Weekly class meetings deal with a variety of topics related to research and scholarship.

In the second semester, (variable credit, usually 3-6 credits), students focus on research/writing and present their results orally and in the form of a scholarly manuscript.

The RUSP faculty coordinators for 2002-2003 are:

Don Johnson
James L. Kinsey
James Pomerantz

For further information, consult the RUSP web page:
http://www.owlnet.rice.edu/~hons470/ (or look up the HONS470 page from the Rice University home page).

This web site includes information about applying for the 2002-2003 program. Applications can be filed either electronically (the method suggested) or by hard copy. The web site also contains a FAQ list and the names and email addresses of current RUSP students. We feel free to contact any of the faculty coordinators or current students.

Application deadline: April 5, 2002.
friday FEB 15

The deadline for changing fall 2001 courses designated "PASS/FAIL" to a grade is 5 p.m. in the Registrar's Office.

University Blue submissions are due today. U. BLUE is accepting original poetry, prose, art and photography from all members of the Rice community. For more information contact Shari Laster at shari@rice.edu.

A SEXUAL HEALTH fair sponsored by the Women's Organization for Radical Discussion and the Health Education Office is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Sammy's Café in the Student Center.

For all students interested in engineering, come to ENGINEERING Major's Day for a catered BBQ from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the engineering quad. Meet the faculty and learn about honor societies, clubs and the future of engineering.

Rice faculty and staff members lead a panel discussion on the Black History Month theme "FREEDOM Main: Are we there yet?" addressing issues such as barriers overcome by blacks and what hurdles remain, at noon in Fannsworth Pavilion in the Student Center.

KTRU's Rice MUSIC Show will broadcast simultaneously on 91.7 FM and Radio Free Sid from 3 p.m to 5 p.m. The show will feature students Simon Finch, Beczy Foley and Gabe Rivera and tons of CD's by Rice students and alumni.

The BASEBALL team hosts the Crowe Plaza/Rice Invitational at Reckling Park today through Sunday. At 4:30 p.m. the team challenges Wake Forest University. Tomorrow at 1 p.m. they face the University of Nebraska and at 3:30 p.m. they play the University of New Mexico.

Submit artwork for the juried student VISUAL ARTS exhibit to the Student Center Info desk by 7 p.m. Art will be displayed during March and should be ready to hang and should include an artist's statement. Contact Julie Grossman at julie@rice.edu for more information.

Larry Rachell conducts the Shepherd School SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA at 8 p.m. in Stude Concert Hall in Alice Pratt Brown Hall.

The VAGINA MONOLOGUES use humor and true stories of real women across the world to raise awareness of violence against women. The monologues run 8 p.m. tonight and 7 p.m. Saturday in the Weiss College Commons. Tickets are $6 or $4 with a Rice ID.

The Rice Players present Keith Curran's WALKING THE DEAD, a play directed by Mark Remont, today, tomorrow and Feb. 21-23. Performances each begin at 8 p.m. in Hamman Hall. Tickets are available at (713) 348-FLY for $4 for students, $6 for faculty and staff and $8 for non-Rice adults. Visit http://www.rice.edu/~players for more information.

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Monday FEB 18

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FRIDAY FEBRUARY 15 THROUGH FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Calender submit items:

- by CAMPUS MAIL to Calendar Editor, Rice Thresher, MS 524.
- by FAX to Calendar Editor, (713) 348-5238.
- by E-MAIL to thresher@rice.edu.

Calendar submission FORMS are available at the Student Activities Office or on the Thresher office door.

The DEADLINE for all items is 5 p.m. the Monday prior to publication.

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Rice Thresher Backpage
Voting Guide — Decision 2002

If you’ve noticed posters for Rice’s current get-out-the-vote campaign (“Are you lassen?” “Are you a convicted felon?” “Are you shitty?”, etc.), then you know that March 12 is the day of primary elections in Harris County. As a service to our readers, the Backpage presents our very own voters guide.

And oh yeah. I suck people’s blood. I mean, Jesus, what more can the Republican party want?

Gene Kelly is a candidate for the U.S. Senate. A University of Pittsburgh grad (class of 1953), Kelly attended the University of Pittsburgh law school, but has spent most of his life dancing, acting or most recently, being dead.

As a survivor of the Great Depression and, for that matter, the grave, I think I know what needs to be done to set this country back on its feet, economically,” Kelly said, as he tapped to the tune of Yankee Doodle Dandy.

Kelly is expected to poll well in the Montrose area.

The Rev. Jeffery L. Berry, Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, is also running as a Democrat for the Senate nomination.

“I think the Democratic Party is chained to a racist legacy,” Berry said, adding, “I hope to build on that legacy, with my White Pride, Worldwide platform.”

Berry is not expected to live to the election.

Ten reasons that you definitely shouldn’t register to vote in the state of Texas:

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2. Punch-out ballots remind you of how often you aren’t getting laid.

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Be Mine?
Love, Willy

Would you be my Valentine, classifieds?

HOUSING

ROOM WITH BATH $200/month. Male student, present it, or at pre-

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and more sister. About cover after sur-


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COMPUTER TUTOR for 1-5 hours per week at office. Computer

mastery in authoring documents. OS/2

for $12.50 per hour. Send request to Mont

PART-TIME FRONT OFFICE/RECEPTIONIST  Male or female

billed at $0.25 per hour. (713) 348-3974.

FREE FROM TO TAKE OFF and study. Design your own schedule. Personal

assistant. Jas. erinn, phone, travel

arrangements, gen. admin. duties, internet research. Computer skills typi-

ing a plus. Galveston area. Casual dress. 392-2675.

$250 A DAY POTENTIAL Bartending, Training provided. 1-800-293-3985.

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